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NEW SALT GABELLE SCHEME.

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MEET LOAN SERVICE.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

Shanghai, Sept. 25.
The exceptionally important announcement that the Nationalist Government has made arrangements whereby the service of all Loans secured on the Salt Gabelle will, in future, be met regularly, has been confirmed from a variety of sources.

It is understood that a scheme has been worked out for the purpose of obtaining sufficient funds from the Salt Revenue to meet all the requirements of the Loans, which has been carefully considered and is regarded as satisfactory to all concerned.

Budget Committee Approves.

It is stated that all the Provinces have signed acceptance of the scheme, which has also been approved by the Budget and Diplomatic Committees.

Under the scheme, orders will be sent to all Salt Stations to pay a certain percentage of their revenue each month, into banks which will be designated by the Nationalist Minister of Finance.

Loans Outstanding.

The total annual sum secured in this way will be at least \$10,000,000 which will be adequate to meet all loan requirements, namely the Anglo-German Loan of 1898, of \$16,000,000 for 45 years at 4 1/2%; the Anglo-French Gold Loan of 1908, of \$5,000,000 at 6 per cent. for 30 years, for the redemption of the Peking-Hankow Railway; the Hukang (four nations group) Railway Loan of 1911, of \$3,000,000 at 5 per cent. for 40 years; and the Chinese Government 5 per cent. Birch-Crisp Loan of 1912, of \$10,000,000 for 40 years.

Reorganisation Loan.

The most important of the foreign loans which were secured on the revenues of the Salt Administration, however, was the Five-Power Reorganisation Loan of 1913, under which the arrangement was made for the setting up of a Special Salt Inspectorate, with a foreigner at the head of the Staff. The principal and interest payments have long since been met entirely from the Customs funds, which were equally hypothecated for this purpose.

It is announced that the Nationalist Government will continue this system. The Reorganisation Loan will not be included in the Salt scheme, but is to be covered by Customs revenue.—*Reuter.*

Defaults in Past.

It is interesting to note in connection with the scheme that the Kukuang Railway Loan is in default as regards the instalments of amortization due in June 1926, June 1927, and June 1928, and as regards the interest coupons due for the same years, on the British, French and American issues, and as regards the German issue all amortization is in default, and the interest coupons from 1925 onwards.

As regards the other Loans, and the effect of the interference with the normal operation of the Salt Administration, there has been no serious default, owing to the fact that sufficient sums were in reserve in the Group Banks to meet all requirements except the October, 1927 amortization of the Anglo-French Loan of 1908.

SINGAPORE FLOATING DOCK.

DUE WEST OF COLOMBO AT
PRESENT TIME.

Colombo, Sept. 25.

The Singapore floating dock is now due west of Colombo. Two of the four tugs which are towing the vast structure called here to-day for fuel and supplies.—*Reuter.*

AMERICA & NAVAL COMPROMISE.

FINISHING TOUCHES TO
"SMART" REPLY.

PRESIDENTIAL PIQUE.

Washington, Sept. 25.
The State Department acting in collaboration with the Navy Department, is putting the finishing touches to the American Reply to London and Paris in regard to the Anglo-French naval compromise.

It is learned that President Coolidge will draw attention to the future naval building programme of the United States, and a somewhat pointed declaration has been issued from White House to the effect that President Coolidge is proceeding on the assumption that the pending Naval Bill, authorising the construction of fifteen new 10,000-ton cruisers and one aeroplane-carrier, would be passed by Congress at the next Session.

The Bill has already passed the House of Representatives, but was shelved by the Senate at the last Session, largely owing to the strong criticisms of various Church and Peace Societies.

It is now believed that President Coolidge, piqued by the supposed Anglo-French accord, intends to push the measure as soon as Congress is convened.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LATEST MOTOR-CAR INVENTION.

BRITISH FIRM PRODUCES AN
AUTOMATIC GEAR.

NO LEVER REQUIRED.

London, Sept. 25.

After five years of secret experimental work, a British firm has evolved a method of automatic gear change for motor-cars.

The mechanism, which has been adopted after a 50,000-miles test by the Armstrong Siddeley Motors Limited, manufacturers for their high powered models, will be on exhibition at the Olympia Motor Show, which opens on October 11th.

There is no gear lever. The driver merely depresses the pedal and adjusts an indicator mounted on the steering wheel, as required.

A feature of the new invention is the silence with which gear changes may be effected.—*British Wireless.*

THE "IMPERIALISM" BOGEY.

NANKING GENERAL'S LATEST OUTBURST.

Shanghai, Sept. 26.

Speaking at the General Headquarters at Nanking, before a meeting of military officials, General Ho Ying-ching stated that China is now standing in a most dangerous position owing to the threat of foreign imperialism. The civil war had come to an end, he said, but it was time they concentrated their strength to repel foreign oppression.

Finally, he declared that the real unification of the country should be materialised in the military, finance and administrative spheres.—*Nan Ching Pao.*

HOTHEAD YOUTHS MEET IN MOSCOW.

WANT BOLSHIEV REVOLT IN CHINA.

Riga, Sept. 25.

The English and Chinese delegates to the Congress of the International of Communist Youth, at Moscow, held a separate conference to evolve plans for common action regarding China.

The conference later issued a manifesto calling on the youth of England and China to rally round the Communist Internationale in order to achieve a Bolshevik revolution in China.—*Reuter.*

HAGGLE OVER THE PENCE.

DEFENDANTS FORGET
PENALTY CLAUSE.

SOUND ADVICE BY MR.
JUSTICE JACKS.

HOUSE BUILDING CASE.

Advice with regard to agreements between contractors and sub-contractors was given by Mr. Justice Jacks, in the Summary Court this morning, when he delivered judgment for the plaintiff in an action arising out of a labour contract.

The case was one in which Tsang Shing, trading as the Tsang Shing Kee, sub-contractor, sued the Wing On Lung, contractors, for \$861.18, the balance due for masonry work in connection with the erection of six houses in Western Street.

A counterclaim for \$1,000 as damages for breach of contract was made by defendants, who alleged that the plaintiff's men, stopped work.

Mr. A. el Arculli was for the plaintiff and Mr. M. K. Lo defended.

The Judgment.

Delivering judgment, Mr. Justice Jacks said:—This is an action in which the plaintiff, who is a labour contractor, seeks to recover from the defendant, who is a building contractor, the sum of \$861.18 being the balance due on a verbal agreement to supply masons for the masonry work in connexion with the erection of six dwelling houses.

The defendant claims damages for breach of the agreement which they have limited to \$1,000 in order to bring their counter-claim within the jurisdiction of this Court.

The facts are as follows: The defendant entered into a contract with the building owners on March 2, 1927, to construct the six houses in accordance with a plan and specification, the date for the completion of the houses being November 30, 1927. Some four or five months later, defendants entered into an agreement with plaintiff, under which the plaintiff agreed to supply labour for all the masonry work for the sum of \$3,400.

Date Disputed.

The date of this agreement is disputed, but the defendants' manager admitted that the plaintiff could not commence work until October 7, as defendants had not laid the concrete. At this date, seven months of the defendants' contract time for building the houses had elapsed and less than two months remained. During the ensuing five months that is until March 7, the work apparently proceeded smoothly. The plaintiff said he had no complaint as regards payments and that the defendants said they were satisfied with the progress of the work up to that date.

What happened on or about that date? Plaintiff's men ceased work and although he appears to have had men there until late in April, he himself said that he visited the site every day from March 7 to April 23, and saw no work going on. The evidence of the defendants' witnesses confirms this. The defendants eventually got another contractor to finish the work, and now counterclaim for the expense incurred thereby, damages for breach of contract, and the cost of protecting the men employed to finish the work.

Haggling Over Payments.

What was the real cause of the dispute which arose between the parties on March 7th? Neither side contend that it was a question of whether the work was finished or not. It resolves itself into this, I think. The work was practically finished—Mr. Hall confirms this, and the defendants' bill for completing the work left undone by plaintiff did not amount to more than \$330, and this is probably more than it would have cost had the plaintiff continued.

The plaintiff said that he was satisfied with what he was paid up to that date, but I find that his own accounts show that he received more during the five weeks which followed than the five weeks

ESTATES OF THREE MILLIONAIRES.

NEARLY TWO MILLIONS
PAYABLE IN DUTIES.

MAMMOTH FORTUNES.

London, Sept. 25.
Probate was granted to-day of the wills of three millionaires. Major Hugh Gretton, Director of Bass, Ratcliff and Gretton, Limited, the well-known brewers, who died in July, left an unsettled estate valued for probate at \$1,474,000, with net personalty of \$1,402,000. The fortune, which in the main is left to his brother, Colonel Gretton, M.P., is disposed of, in a will of ninety words. The duty on the estate will exceed \$500,000.

The estate of the late James Oxley, banker, of Leeds, was provisionally proved at \$2,774,000. Duties on property of this valuation, and according to the dispositions of the will, are estimated to amount to \$1,126,000.

Further grant of probate of the will of Viscount Hambleden respecting settled land provisionally valued at \$200,000 has been issued. The unsettled estate had already been provisionally sworn, at \$2,500,000.—*British Wireless.*

THE DISARMAMENT QUESTION.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY APPROVES RESOLUTION.

Geneva, Sept. 25.

The League Assembly has adopted the Third Committee's report and resolution regarding an early meeting of the Disarmament Committee.

The resolution proposes that the chairman of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission shall keep in contact with the Governments concerned in order that he may be apprised of progress in preliminary negotiations and may be able to convene the Commission at the end of 1928, or in any case at the beginning of 1929.

The German delegate last week reserved the right further to explain his viewpoint when the report was presented to the Assembly.—*Reuter.*

YAUMATI GAMBLING SCHOOL.

EX-POLICEMAN DIRECTS AFFAIRS.

On a charge of keeping a common gaming house in Temple Street, a Chinese, who said he was formerly a policeman, was fined \$50 or six weeks' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Five others who pleaded guilty to gambling were each fined \$3. A seventh man who also admitted gambling was discharged with a caution, after being called to give evidence and stating that the first defendant was the keeper and received the commission.

His Worship ordered all furniture and gambling implements to be confiscated.

which preceded that date, and yet he was not satisfied. He apparently did no more work and his men were driven off the site on April 23. No evidence has been given as to what payment the plaintiff asked for on March 7, but it seems clear that the defendants refused to pay him more than 70 per cent. so he ceased work.

Who was in the wrong—the plaintiffs or the defendants? Turning to the agreement which they made, I find that it is verbal, unless the memoranda made in the books of the respective parties can be regarded as a written contract, but these memoranda contain nothing beyond a statement of the price agreed on which is not disputed.

Terms of Contract.

The defendants have endeavoured to incorporate the terms of their contract with the building owner, and the specification, in their agreement with the plaintiff, on the ground that these were shown to him before he delivered his tender. He stoutly denied this and said that he only saw the plan from which, alone, he made his calculations. Much of what is contained in the

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INDIAN PRINCES & THE RAJ.

MAHARAJAH OUTLINES
VIEWS OF STATES.

WILL NEVER SUBMIT TO RULE
OF BRITISH INDIA.

LOYALTY TO CROWN.

London, Sept. 25.
Some very outspoken views on the relationship between the Indian Ruling Princes and the British Government were expressed to-day by the Maharajah of Patiala in the course of an interview with Reuter's representative at Montreux.

The Maharajah emphasised at the outset that the attachment of the Princes to the Crown was unshakeable. The Princes were profoundly convinced that the British connexion was vitally necessary to India.

The time had come, however, for the Princes to make it clear that their political relations were with the British Crown and that they or their people would never submit to be governed by British India.

Loyalty v. Yociferousness.

The Princes had long been conscious, he said, that the silent loyalty of the Indian States tended to count less in world politics than the vociferous claims of the British Indian leaders.

British India and the Indian States were two entirely different entities and would always remain so.

Exception to Nehru Report.

The Maharajah's comments arose from the report drawn up by Indian Nationalists including Motilal Nehru, who have drafted a Constitution, demanding the grant of Dominion status; the transference of political power from England to the people of India, and the establishment of a two-Chamber Parliament with supreme authority.

The Princes also take exception to the memorandum addressed by the Associated Chambers of Commerce to the Simon Commission recommending that the Indian States be included with British India as a single economic unit.

Princes Take Firm Stand.

The Maharajah of Patiala's remarks follow: the same lines as those of the Maharajah of Bikanir a few days ago, when he stated that the proposals with regard to the Indian States were likely to lead to a "chaos of mobocracy," adding that the rulers and subjects of the Indian States would in no way agree to a position implying subordination or inferiority to the people of British India.

It was recently announced that simultaneously with the Simon Commission's resumption of its enquiry, the claims of the Indian States were likely to come into prominence.

Butler Committee.

A Committee, headed by Sir Harcourt Butler, established to investigate the relations between the Princes and the Government of India, made investigations in India, and returned to Britain in April. A number of Princes later came to Britain to submit their case to the Commission, and it is now announced that the All-India States Subjects Organisation is sending in September a deputation composed of Dewan Bahadur, Ram Chandra Rao, Professor Abhyankar, Amrit Lal and D. Seth, which hopes to obtain a hearing before the Butler Commission.

The subjects are anxious that it should be an essential part of any rearrangement between the States and the Government of India that States which have not fallen into line with the popular reforms carried out in British India should be compelled to do so.

Meanwhile, some of the most important States, including Mysore, Baroda, Travancore, Cochin, Hyderabad and Rajkot have declined to support the movement headed by the Maharajah of Patiala for pressing the claims of the Princes before the Butler Commission.—*Reuter.*

OIL "CRACKING" PROCESS.

SYNTHETIC MATERIAL FOR
MOTOR TYRES.

CHICAGO MAN'S STORY.

London, Sept. 25.

Speaking before the Oil Section of the World Fuel Conference here, Dr. Gustav Egloff, of Chicago, said the "cracking" process was producing over five billion gallons of gasoline a year from petroleum oils, and it would be possible commercially to "crack" coal tar, oil shales, asphalt tars, and vegetable and fish oils.

Within six months, the "cracking" process could be extended in the United States to produce hydrocarbons, necessary to supply the world's requirements, as well as a synthetic rubber-like material suitable for motor tyres.

A delegate expressed the hope that for the sake of the rubber industry in the East, the "cracking" industry would not be developed.

The Chairman (Sir Thomas Holland):—You must not take too seriously everything Dr. Egloff told you.—*Reuter.*

MOTOR FATALITIES YESTERDAY.

PORTUGUESE CYCLIST RUNS
INTO GIRL.

BUS KILLED A COOLIE.

There were two fatalities yesterday arising out of motor accidents, according to this morning's police reports.

Aberdeen bus No. 304, at 7.40 p.m. last night, ran into two coolies employed by the Dairy Farm Company when near the pumping station on the Pokfulam Road.

According to the driver, the incident was caused through his having to swerve to avoid an approaching motor-car. In swerving, the bus ran into two men who were walking in an opposite direction.

The injured men were rushed to hospital, but one of them died on the way.

Motor cycle No. 273, driven by Mr. Botelho, described as a clerk, of No. 93, Wong Nei Chung Road, knocked down a Chinese girl, eight years of age, in Queen's Road East at 2.30 p.m. yesterday. The girl was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, but died later in the day.

SYMPATHY WITH AMERICA.

KING'S MESSAGE TO U. S. PRESIDENT.

London, Sept. 25.

H.M. the King has sent the following telegram to the President of the United States of America: "I desire to express to you, and through your kind intermediary to the American people, my sincere condolences upon the disaster which has recently overwhelmed Porto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the State of Florida, as a result of the hurricane, and my sympathy with all those that have suffered from its effects."—*British Wireless.*

LINCOLN CITY WIN AT NELSON.

UNEXPECTED VICTORY IN THIRD DIVISION.

London, Sept. 25.

Lincoln City brought off a real surprise in the Football League to-day, taking two points from Nelson at Nelson. Accrington by drawing with Hartlepool move up several places from the bottom of the division. The results, as cabled by Reuter, were:

Division III (North).
Accrington 2 Hartlepool 2
Nelson 3 Lincoln C. 4

SIR JOHN SIMON'S FAREWELL.

BRILLIANT SPEECH AT
ALDWYCH CLUB.

TO APPLY LESSONS OF OUR
IMPERIAL HISTORY.

INDIA'S ASPIRATIONS.

London, Sept. 25.

Sir John Simon, the eminent Liberal leader, in a speech at the Aldwych Club where he was entertained at a farewell luncheon to-day, referred at some length to the work of the Royal Commission investigating the working of the Indian reforms, of which he is the president. Earl Reading, the former Viceroy, took the chair.

The Commission is leaving for India on Thursday for its second tour, during which evidence will be taken by the Commission at various centres, and which will last for seven months.

Sir John Simon emphasised the immense responsibilities of the British Parliament to the peoples of India, and said it seemed to the Commission that they could best act as interpreters to the British Parliament of India's needs and aspirations if these were associated with them in their enquiry.

Provinces to Co-operate.

In every province an Indian committee elected by the Provincial Legislature would act as their colleagues and assist in their investigations. It was deep satisfaction to know that this plan had been generally approved.

Despite the initial boycott of the Commission, eight of the nine provinces had decided to co-operate, while the ninth had not yet made its final decision. In more than one case Provincial Council which at first resolved not to co-operate had reversed its first decision and had appointed its committee.

Variety of Views.

He mentioned that a Central Indian Committee had been chosen partly by the Council of State and partly nominated from the Central Legislature by the Viceroy.

It is expected to accompany the Simon Commission through the provinces. Sir John Simon also announced that approximately 500 memoranda had been received by the Commission from all sorts of bodies in India and elsewhere expressing a variety of opinion on the existing Indian constitution. He stressed that the greatest unanimity existed within the Commission.

The Greatest Case.

Sir John Simon added: "Our duty is not to enact or decide, but to bring home to the British people the realities of the Indian problem and to act as interpreters to the British Parliament of the wishes and aspirations of the peoples of India."

"This Indian question in the years now coming is likely to become the greatest of all cases, in which you have to reconcile authority with freedom."

"Let us never forget that while Britain has conferred on India the blessings of order and of a stable government, a sense of unity, and the experience of disaster and administration, it has also caused in the leaders of the Indians, the desire for constitutional development and a belief in the virtues of self-government which are an inevitable consequence of Western education and of Parliamentary experience."

East and West.

"No Briton should complain if the Indians should be eager to apply the lesson taught by our Imperial history, that the British people have to lend their aid to sympathisers and as friends in what is perhaps the greatest external question laid upon the statesman's weaving together warp and woof of east and west.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*"

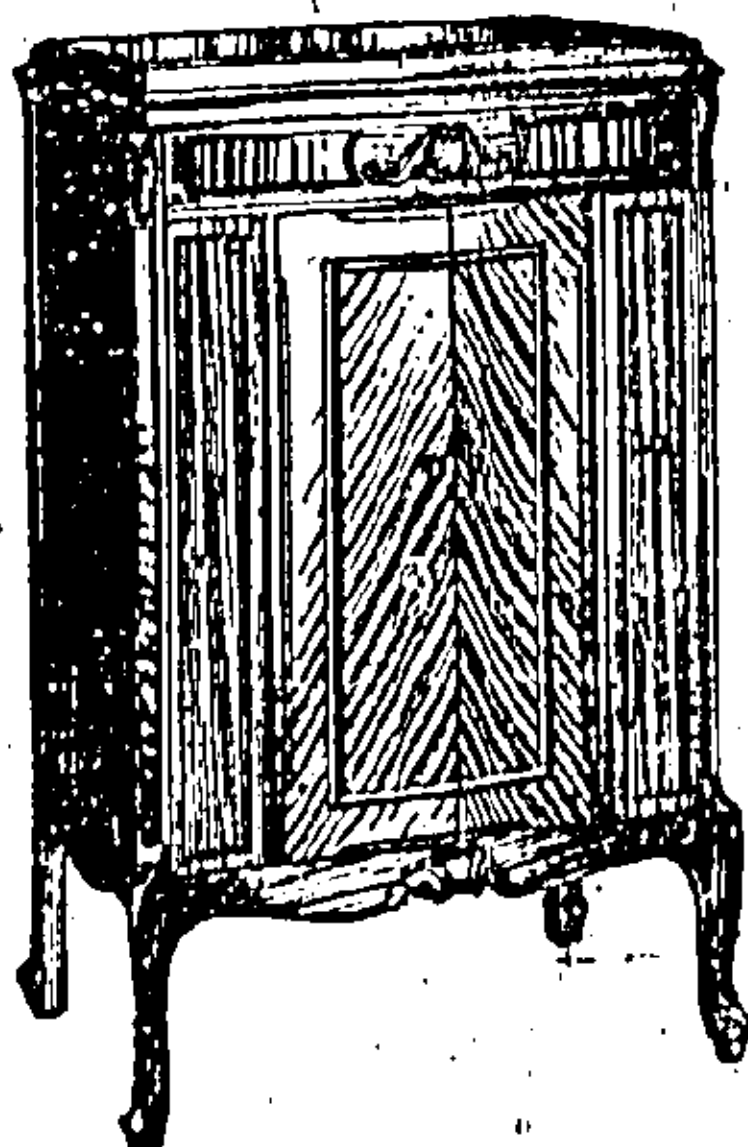
The recurrence of firing on foreign ships plying on the Upper Yangtze, as reported in yesterday's issue, makes it clear that large numbers of bandits are operating in the vicinity of Wuhan. A naval wireless message received this morning states that General Yang Sen has despatched troops to the district to deal with the

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SINO-GERMAN TREATY.

RATIFICATION BY CHINA
"CONSIDERED CERTAIN."

Shanghai, Sept. 25.
The reports regarding the probable rejection of the Sino-German

Treaty by the Government Council are officially denied. The ratification by China is considered certain.—*Reuter.*

[A message dated the 24th stated that considerable surprise had been created by an announcement to the effect that the Nationalist Government Council had refused to give the necessary sanction for the signing of the new Commercial

Treaty drawn up between Dr. C. T. Wang and the German Minister. The Council's action, it is stated, was due to the fact that Dr. C. T. Wang had gone outside the instructions of the Government. The matter had been postponed, however, for consideration at the next meeting of the C.E.C.]

Sino-Italian Agreement.

Nanking, Sept. 25.

The Nanking Incident as between Italy and China has been settled and the documents are now en route to Shanghai. A formal exchange of Notes will take place here when the Consul General arrives.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE GIRL'S SUICIDE.

POLICE OFFICER GIVES EVIDENCE.

VERDICT AND RIDERS.

After a long and protracted investigation by the Coroner (Mr. W. Schofield) and a jury, into the circumstances of the death of a young Chinese girl, the inquiry, which was demanded by the parents of the deceased, was concluded at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" was returned, the jury adding two riders.

Practically the whole of yesterday afternoon's hearing was occupied by Sergeant G. J. Hayward of the Hongkong Police Force, who gave details of the girl's movements since he made her acquaintance. It was stated during the course of the inquiry that Hayward had been guilty of conduct likely to lead to the detriment of the reputation of the Force.

Sergeant G. J. Hayward, who was called yesterday, was the last witness. He said that he met the deceased sometime during the latter part of November 1927 at No. 17, Waterloo Road, the residence of Inspector Lamprill.

The Coroner: How did you come to meet her?

Witness: Through visiting Inspector Lamprill.

What happened when you first met her?—I was told by the girl that she had a very bad time at home with her mother.

Did she say anything else?—She said that she had been beaten several times, and we came to certain arrangements whereby I should keep her. I was told by the woman named Lai, Inspector Lamprill's housekeeper, that I should have to obtain the consent of the girl's parents. I saw the parents.

The Arrangements.

Whereabout was this?—At No. 17, Waterloo Road.

Where was the girl then?—The girl was there too.

Yes?—The mother told me she wanted \$250 to buy cakes and wine for her relations here and in the country to give her face.

Did you make any other agreement with her?—I said if she only wanted to buy cakes she would not want \$250.

You agreed on what then?—\$150. She (the mother) wanted me to marry the girl in the Church but I would not agree to it.

Did you agree to do it at any time?—No, your Worship.

Was there any other arrangement come to?—I think the mother started talking about a pension but I would not agree to that. I think the sum she mentioned was \$20 a month.

Well when was the girl transferred?—About a week after the arrangements.

A good deal has been said about a certain motor car ride.

Did you go on a motor car ride?—No, your Worship.

And after that date when she was transferred to you, you lived with her at No. 17, Waterloo Road?—I visited her there I didn't reside there.

Every night or not every night?—No, your Worship.

Very frequently though?—No, your Worship.

No Clothes.

Anything of importance happened about then?—Yes.

I should like to say that when she came to me she had no clothes except what she stood in and no other possessions whatever. About December she had a dispute or quarrel in the house about the food and she asked me to remove her from the house.

Did you do so then?—Yes. I moved her to Kennedy Town. Everything went all right for about a week. It was then I found out that she was going out from morning to night time. I taxed her about where she had been and she said she had been to see school friends. I found at the same time that the girl previous to me having her had come out of the Po Leung Kuk where she had been put by her mother. I made enquiries and found out that the reason she had been put in was because of her associations with a Portuguese or Filipino working at the Post Office. I sent for her mother and I spoke to her about this subject. She admitted that the girl had been to the Po Leung Kuk and she also said that she would scold the girl for keeping out all day. In February the girl and her mother went back to the country.

For what reason?—It was at my suggestion.

Had you any reason for making it?—Yes, Your Worship. She (the girl) became very intimate with a young Chinese on the first floor of the house in Kennedy Town. The girl and the mother returned to the country and came back again about a fortnight after and she dropped being friendly with this young fellow for the time being—for about one month.

With Another Man.

"About a week after she came back—it was at the time of the races—she was seen at the races in company of the Chinese. I taxed her about it and she said he was a friend. About the end of March she got friendly again with the Chinese on the bottom floor."

The Coroner: Another young Chinese?—The same one.

Continuing witness said: I told her I was fed up with it and I was going to leave her. I also said I was going to tell her parents the next day. About 8 p.m. the same night she dressed herself and left the house. I followed a short way behind her. She made for the Praya at the end of the road and sat down on the sea wall. I approached her and asked her what she intended to do. She said she was tired of being alive. I had a conversation with her and coaxed her to come back to the house. She then agreed that if I didn't tell the parents she would return to her parents' house to live, to which I agreed. She returned to her parents' house about three days later, taking what of the household things she wanted.

With Her Parents.

The Coroner: During April did anything happen?—I visited her occasionally at No. 715, Mongkok Road, the address of her parents. I visited her twice. She told me that she had obtained work as a school teacher.

What was the arrangement about payment to her during the time she was with her parents?—When she went away I gave her \$50.

Did you promise her any other payment?—I said until such time as she got work I would give her money for rice.

Did you agree to pay the parents anything?—No.

Anything happened during April or May?—About the middle of May she told me she was in a certain condition and as a result she could not take up the employment at the school. It was then I agreed to pay her \$30 until such time as the child was born. I said that when the child was born I would be able to see if I was the responsible party.

"The next thing I heard was a telephone message one night in late June. The message stated that the girl had been admitted to the Tung Wah Hospital. I found out later she had an abortion. She remained in the Tung Wah for about one week and when she came out she went into the Government Civil Hospital about a day or so afterwards. After she came out of the G. C. H. I was informed that she had sold all the furniture."

The Coroner: Who told you this?—I would rather not mention the name.

Went to Canton.

"The next I heard was in July. She telephoned and asked me to be at the On Lok Yuen Cafe, and she met me and told me she was going to Canton."

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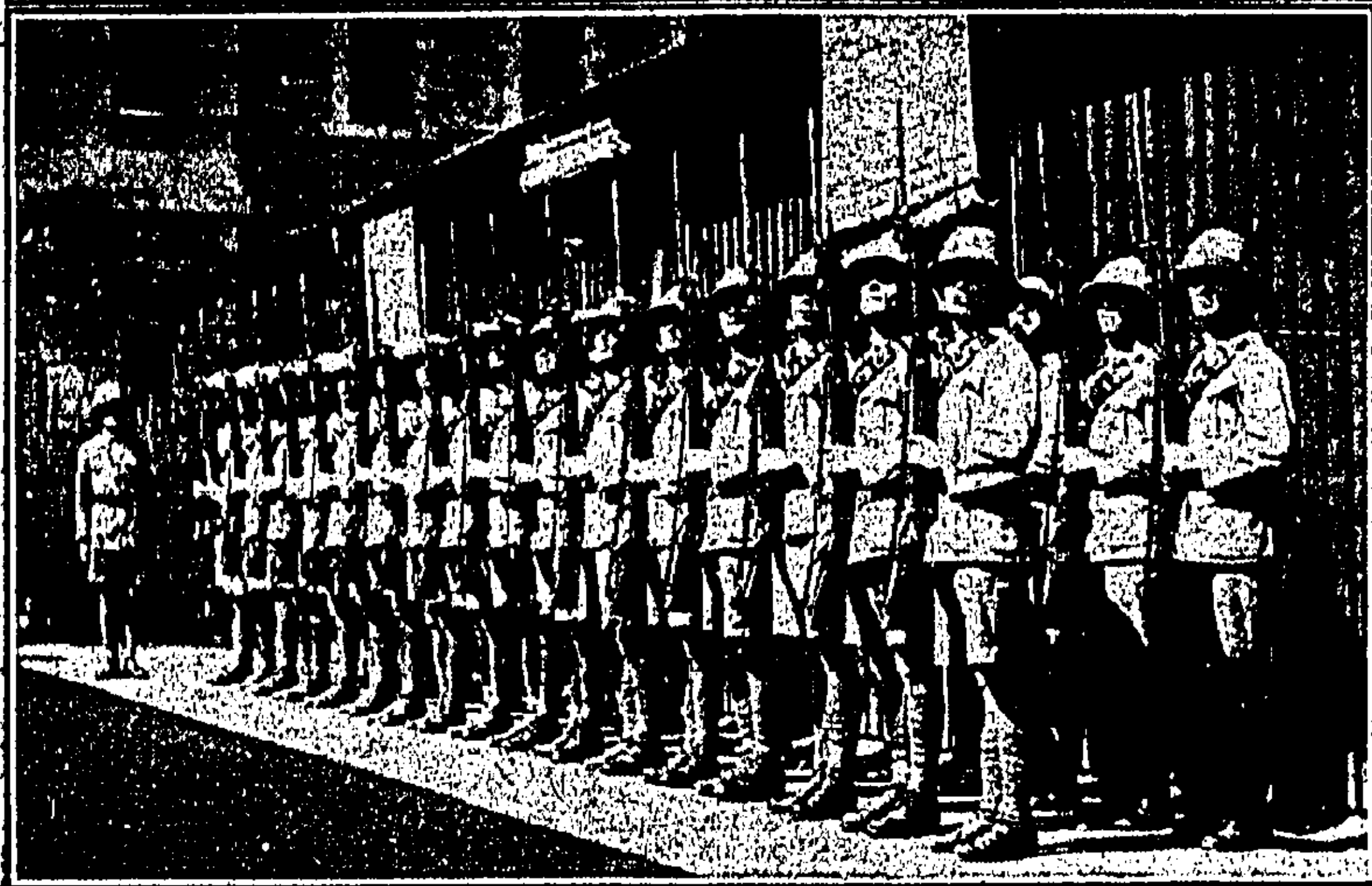
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As auxiliaries of the Shanghai Municipal Police, members of the Russian unit of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps have established a very creditable record. Top picture shows officers of the unit. In the centre are Captain C. A. Angleson-Sandels, Adjutant of the Corps, and Captain H. Thieme, Officer commanding the Russian unit. Below are seen guards on parade at Amoy Road camp before marching to duties on the bridges.



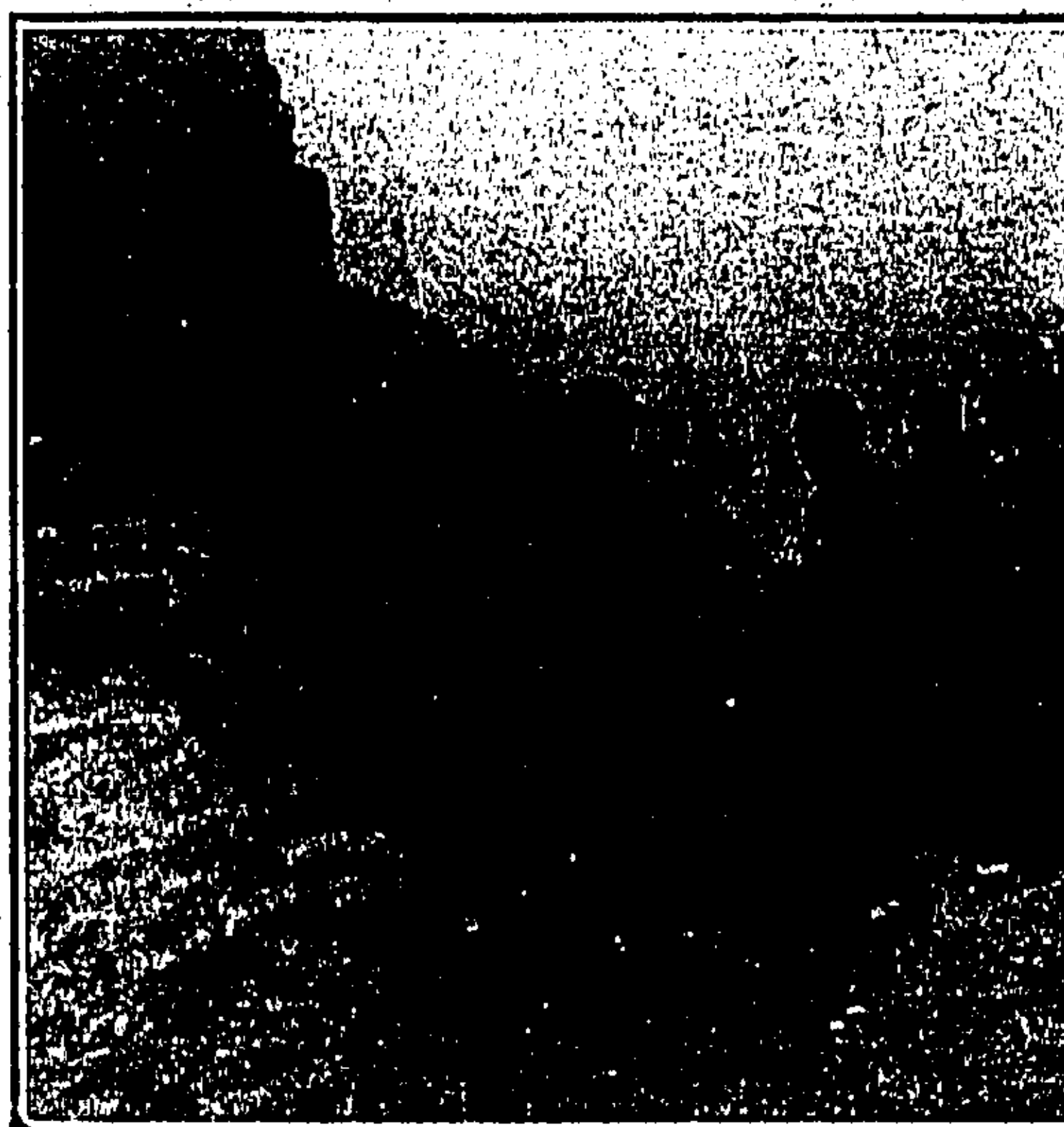
At the Portuguese Consulate, Shanghai, recently, were married Miss Anna Hait, daughter of the late Mr. Noah Hait and Mrs. Hait of Shanghai, and Mr. C. E. d'Almeida, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. A. M. d'Almeida.



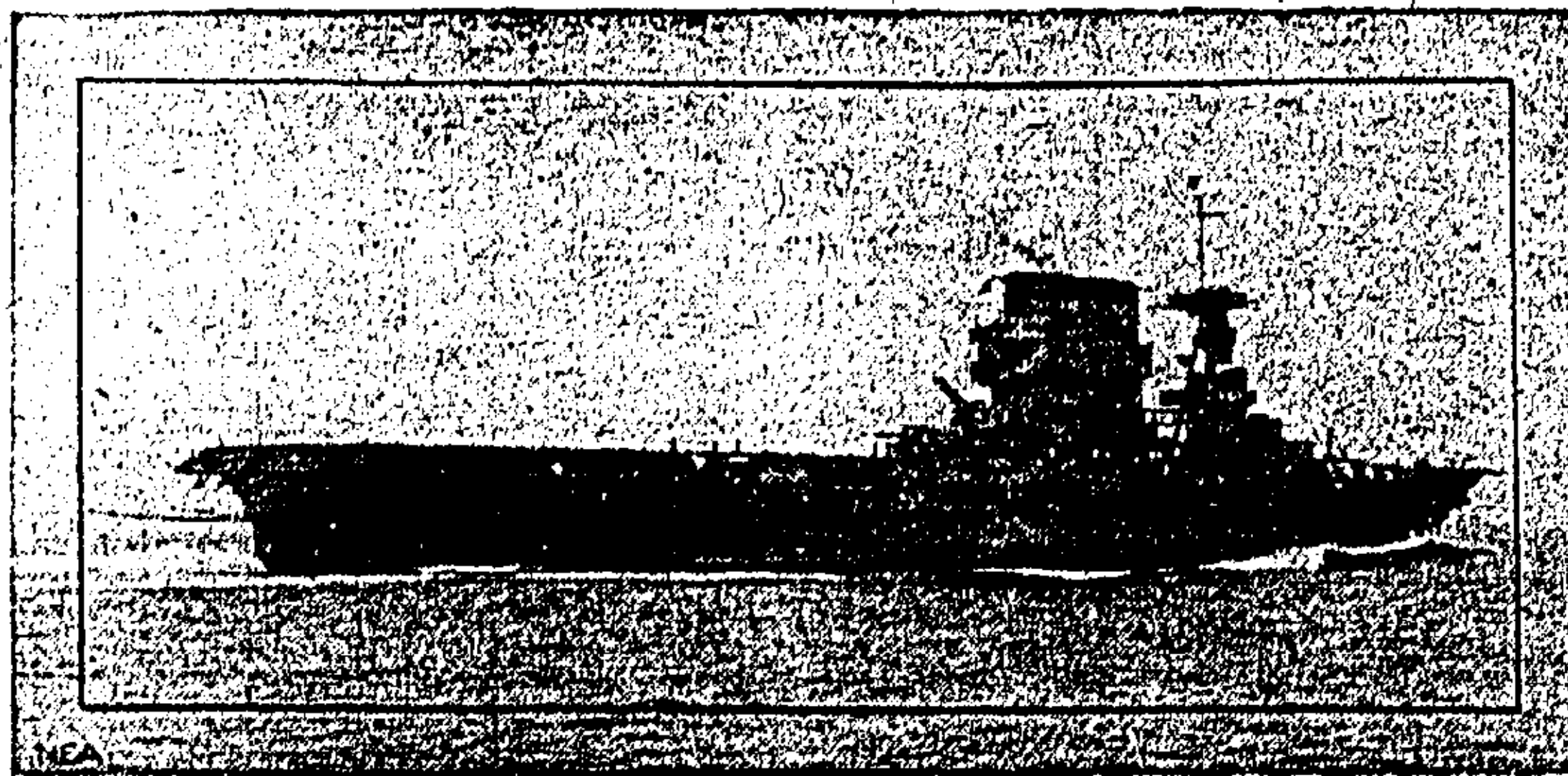
Marshal Li Chai-sum who is returning to Canton shortly for a brief visit.



For some unknown reason a bronze Buddha which was seated in the alcove of the pagoda at Pa Li Chuang, in the western suburbs of Peking, fell to the ground recently. The pagoda is shown in the picture with a crowd of curiosity seekers at its base.



The incident of the falling of the bronze Buddha was taken as a bad omen by the people of the neighbourhood of the Pa Li Chuang, Peking pagoda and the place is now visited daily by hundreds who burn joss sticks to appease the anger of the gods.



The new U. S. aircraft-carrier, the U. S. S. Lexington.



Miss Vera Gwendolyn Roma Wardman was recently married to Captain H. M. Cadie, R.A.S.C. The bride was a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service.



At the Church of the Sacred Heart Shanghai, recently, Miss McGuire was married to Mr. F. M. Gutierrez of the British Cigarette Company, Footing.



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The following replies are awaiting collection:—
295, 300, 301, 305, 306, 315
344, 363, 371, 374, 376, 381
385, 411.

BOARD RESIDENCE.

FAMILY HOTEL.—Victoria Gardens. Quiet apartments and Suites of rooms. Full board from \$95, \$110, \$130, monthly. Large commodious rooms. Also daily rates; five minutes from ferry, next new Hotel, Hankow Road, Kowloon, Tel. K.367.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Austin seven in good running condition. Price \$800 can be seen any time. Write Box No. 425, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

FOR SALE.—Madame Sarraut has returned from Paris per s.s. "Sphinx" with a large selection of goods. She begs to inform the Ladies that her show will take place on Friday Sept. 28th. Roland Sarraut, 2, Queen's Rd. C., above H.K. Electric Co.

PREMISES TO LET.

TO LET.—Office rooms at No. 22, Queen's Road, Central. Apply to Kayamally and Co.

TO LET.—One European FLAT Wanchai Gap Road, Hongkong. Apply to 32, Kennedy Road.

TO LET.—Office Rooms, 2nd floor, New Hongkong Bank Building. Apply Sang Kee, same building.

TO LET.—European Flats Nos. 41 and 43, Kennedy Road. Apply Thornhill Aerated Water Factory, 154, Praya East. Phone C.547.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong on FRIDAY, 12th October, 1928, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 28th September to the 12th October, 1928, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

M. MANUK,

Secretary,
Hongkong, 14th September, 1928.

ARE YOU SICK? Why Continue To Suffer. Get The Foo On Chinese Herbs and Get Well. Constipation; Rheumatism; Dropsy; Typhoid Fever; Nervousness; and Diabetes. Yee Foo Lun, Chinese Herbalist, Managing Director. Entrance 66, Queen's Road Central, Tel. C. 5008.

New Advertisements.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LTD. BATHING AT TSAT TSZ MUI. WESTERN MARKET & QUARRY BAY SERVICE.

The special Quarry Bay—Western Market cars will be withdrawn for the season as from the last day of September.

L. C. F. BELLAMY,
General Manager,
Hongkong, 25th Sept., 1928.

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Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 1st day of October, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Boundary Measurements.	Locality.	Area in Acres.	Area in Sq. Feet.	Upset Price.
As per plan.	At Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong.	1.00	108,900	\$6,200

NOTICE.

In connexion with the Amateur Dramatic Performance which was arranged to be given at The Great Hall of the Hongkong University on Saturday, the 29th instant, and which, by the way, the Hongkong University Union is not directly or indirectly associated with, the Public is hereby notified that the production of this play has been cancelled. Refund on tickets sold is obtainable from L. A. Guimaraes, No. 6 Calne Road.

THE LOCAL STUDENTS' DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Hongkong, September 26, 1928.

NOTICE.

Dr. ASGER, DENTAL SURGEON, has removed his office to Kayamally Building, 20-22 Queen's Road Central.

NOTICE.

At the request of Me. Mathieu, Public Notary at Saigon, the undersigned, Acting-Chancellor of the French Consulate in Hongkong, informs those whom it may concern that the sale of s.s. "Hwah Chong" has been agreed upon between the owners, the South China Steamship Company of Shanghai, and the buyers, the Firm of Yee Cheong & Co., of Saigon.

Should any person have any claim or liens of such a nature as to prevent or obstruct the sale or postpone the payment of the purchase money, they are requested to make or produce the same within fourteen days from the date of this notice, at the office of the French Consulate in Hongkong, Alexandra Building, Top Floor, Room No. 23.

After the above mentioned period of fourteen days the sale will be completed and no claims or liens against the s.s. "Hwah Chong" will be effective or entertained thereafter.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1928.

Le Chancellerie-Substitut

du Consulat de France,

T. X. DUC.

MACAO RACES.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the TENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

to be held on SUNDAY, 14th October, 1928. (Weather Permitting) may be obtained from the I.R.E.C. Macao, Causeway Bay Stables and Race Advertisers Co.

Entries CLOSE at Macao 2.30 p.m. WEDNESDAY, 3rd October, 1928.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on THURSDAY, the 27th September, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of Curios comprising:—

Ivory, Crystal, Agate and Jade Ornaments, Porcelain Vases, Plates, Bowls, and Figures, Bronze Incense Burners and Bowls, Lacquer Boxes and Screens, Silk Pictures, Chinese Hand Paintings, etc., etc.

On View from Wednesday, the 26th September, 1928. Catalogues will be issued. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, September 24, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on THURSDAY, the 27th September, 1928, commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

2 Cases Beer.
91 Tins Paint.
40 Tins Marine Glue.
1000 Electric Lamp Bulbs.
12 Table Fans.
34 Electric Switches.
and
A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods and Sundry Furniture.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on SATURDAY, the 29th September, 1928, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Gold and Colour Silk Embroideries.

comprising:—
Table Covers, Curtains, Cushions, Shawls, Centre Pieces, etc., and
Silk Stockings, Dresses, Hats and Sundries.

On view from Friday Noon, the 28th September, 1928.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on MONDAY, the 1st October, 1928, commencing at 11 a.m., at No. 4, Minden Avenue, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Catalogues will be issued). On view from Sunday, the 30th September, 1928.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Sept. 24, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on MONDAY, the 1st October, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at No. 2, Quarry Point.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

comprising:—
Chesterfield Couch and Chairs, Teak Book Case, Pictures, Carpet, Table Fans, Brass Ornaments, etc., etc.

Also
Teak Extension Dining Table, Teak Sideboard, E. P. Ware, Glass Ware, etc.,
Brass Mounted Iron Bedsteads, Teak Bedstead, Wardrobes with Bevelled Mirrors, Teak Dressing Tables, Marble Top Washstands, Chest of Drawers, etc., etc.

Also
One Sofa by G. Price and Co. and
A Few Pieces of Blackwood Furniture.

On view from Sunday, the 30th September, 1928.

Catalogues will be issued. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Sept. 24, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on TUESDAY, the 2nd October, 1928, commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

(Particulars from Catalogue.) On View from Monday, the 1st October, 1928.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

MACAO CHARITY AND COMMERCIAL FAIR.

NOTICE.

The General Committee of the Macao Charity and Commercial Fair announce that the opening date of the Fair has been officially fixed for 3rd November, 1928, at 9 p.m. weather permitting, and the closing date on the 22nd December, 1928.

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The Steamship, "BENAVON"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd October, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 17th October, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd October, 1928, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1928.

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THE NORWEGIAN AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA LINE.

The Motorship, "TENERIFFA"

The above vessel having arrived from Norway via ports on 22nd September, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the non-hazardous, hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 1st October, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godown where they will be examined on 29th September at 10 a.m.

No claims will be admitted unless notified and/or application for survey made in writing within seven days after landing of the goods, or in any case before the goods are taken delivery of.

Claims will not be recoverable unless complete accounts are sent in within fourteen days of final discharge of vessel.

No fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THORESEN & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1928.

DYNAMITE WORKS BLOWN UP.

8 KILLED AND 25 INJURED IN FRANCE.

Paris, Aug. 31. Eight persons were killed and 25 seriously injured this morning by a terrific explosion which destroyed the dynamite factory of Abbon, near Honfleur, a Normandy port a short distance from Deauville.

Just before noon, when the people working in the factory were preparing to leave for lunch, the

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1325 b.
Chartered Bank, \$22 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$26 n.
P. and O. \$91 n.
East As. \$77 b.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$690 b.
Union Ins., \$373 n.
North China Ins., \$160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$255 b.
China Fire, \$275 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$800 a.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$381 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$272 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$721 b.
Shell Trans., 107/8 n.
Union Waterboats, \$22 b.

Mining.
Beniguet, \$2.15 b.
Kallans, 65/- s.
Lampkats, \$1.10 n.
Shai Exploration, \$1.25 n.
Rauls, \$4.25 b.
Tronols, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$1381 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$37 n.
China Providents, \$560 b.
Hongkows, \$156 n.
New Engineering, \$15 n.
Shanghai Docks, \$106 b.

Cottons.
Two Cottons, \$11.10 b.
Orientals, \$1.240 b.
Shai Cottons, \$1.60 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$8.70 n.
H. K. Lands, \$661 b.
Shai Lands, \$138 b.
Humphreys, \$15.10 b.
Realists, \$3.35 b.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$241 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.
Star Forries, \$671 b.
China Lights, (Old) \$12.90 b.
H. K. Electric, \$52.50 b.
Macao Electric, \$262 b.
Telephones, \$6.70 b.
China Buses, \$11 b.
Singapore Tractors, 12/- b.

Industrials.
China Sugars, \$1 n.
Malabons, \$17 n.
Canton Ice, \$3.50 s.
Cements (Comb.), \$9.90 b.
Ropes (Old) \$7 b.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$22.80 b.
Watsons, \$142 n.
Der A. Wing, \$50 n.
Lane Crawford, \$21 n.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Simpsons, \$9.50 b.
Wm. Powells, \$4 b.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$231 s.
Constructions, \$1.35 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$411 n.
H. K. 'G' Loan, 6%

LETTER GOLF.

You can SMILE this puzzle to SCORN pretty easily. Par is five

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1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to Hen, in three strokes, COW, HOW HEW HEN.
2—You can change only one letter at time.
3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page.

central part of the establishment was blown up. The cause of the disaster is as yet unknown.

The first explosion was followed by others in various parts of the building. The noise of the explosion was heard at Deauville and Honfleur, and caused a panic at Honfleur, a mile and a half from Abbon. Help was immediately sent from Honfleur and Le Havre, and eight bodies were extricated from the burning wreckage. The 25 including many women, were removed to Honfleur hospital.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation as follows:
Ships at Sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, British North Borneo, Siam, Canton, Swatow, Kwong Chow Wan, Fort Bayard, Tchekam, Holhow, Amoy, Foochow and Wuchow etc. Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Address—Person and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

A direct service to Yunnan Province has been opened 20th April 1928. The inclusive charge will be 60 cents per word, no charge will be collected from the addressee in Yunnan.

Commencing 12th June the radio telegraphic rate between Hong Kong and Canton is reduced to 20 cents (Hongkong currency) per word. No charges will be payable by addressee at either end.

The public are particularly warned against the practice of sending coin through the post in letters. The practice besides involving risk of loss is directly in contravention of the Post Office Ordinance and the P.M.G. may be compelled to take proceedings under that Ordinance.

The Money Order Office has been removed to the Public Hall on the ground floor of the G.P.O.

The Hong Kong Postal Guide for 1928 is now on sale at the General Post Office and Kowloon Post Office at the price of 50 cents a copy. The afternoon mail service to Macao has been resumed.

INWARD MAILS.

From Shanghai and Swatow Per Duo
Japan and Shanghai Szechuen September 27.
Europe via Suez, letters and papers Kashgar September 28.
30th August and parcel mail
London 28th August Khiva September 28.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai Pros. Cleveland September 28.
Straits Lahoro September 28.
Straits Talma September 28.
Manila Empress of Canada September 30.
Japan and Shanghai Fushimi Maru October 5.
Australia and Manila Changto October 9.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For Date and Time.
Shanghai Hupoh Wed, Sept. 26, 4.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow Tai Ming, Wed, Sept. 26, 4.30 p.m.
Hohow and Haiphong Manado Maru
Straits Thurs, Sept. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Van Bontz Thur, Sept. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Serdakan Tean Thurs, Sept. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Formosa Hinsang Thurs, Sept. 27, 1.30 p.m.
Argun Maru
Shanghai Thurs, Sept. 27, 8.30 p.m.
Port Bayard Thurs, Sept. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Tai Pao Sak Thurs, Sept. 27, 1.30 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island St. Albans Fri, Sept. 28, 2 p.m.
Parcels
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Thursday Island 13th October).

Shanghai, *Japan and Europe via Siberia
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Europe via Marseilles Kashgar Sat, Sept. 29.
Kowloon P.O.
Parcels 23th 4.30 p.m.
Registration 24th 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
P.O.
Parcels 23th 5 p.m.
Registration 24th 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 27th Oct.)

Japan Bokuyo Maru Sat, Sept. 29, 10 a.m.
Manila Pres. Cleveland
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Sat, Sept. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Szechuen Sat, Sept. 29, 6 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Kishu Maru Sun, Sept. 30, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and *San Francisco and Europe via Siberia Siberia Maru Sun, Sept. 30, 9 a.m.
Registration 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco 28th Sept.)

Shanghai, Japan and *Victoria B.C. (Due Victoria B.C. 22nd October). Pres. Lincoln Tues, Sept. 2, 6 p.m.
Registration Oct. 1, 6 p.m.
Letters Oct. 2, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Halvard Tues, Oct. 2, 11 a.m.
Swatow Kwongsang Tues, Oct. 2, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, *Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Europe via Siberia Empress of Canada Wed, Oct. 3, 1.30 p.m.
Registration 9.15 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
(Due Vancouver B.C. 20th October)

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hainan Fri, Oct. 5, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Fushimi Maru Sat, Oct. 6, 4.30 p.m.
Kowloon P.O.
Registration 5th 4.30 p.m.
Letters 6th 9 a.m.
G. P. O.
Registration 6th 8.45 a.m.
Letters 6th 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 4th November)

Manila Pres. Hayes Sat, Oct. 6, 5 p.m.
Swatow Hopsang Sat, Oct. 6, 5 p.m.
*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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DEATH.

ALVES.—On September 26, 1928,
at his residence, No. 39, Hal-
phong Road, Kowloon, M. J. D.
Alves, late of Imports and Ex-
ports Office, aged 42 years.
Funeral will pass the Monu-
ment to-day at 5.30 p.m.
(Macau and Shanghai papers
please copy).

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26, 1928.

CHINA UNCERTAINTY.

Whatever might be the political
intrigue now going on in Nanking
it is evident that it is not only
proceeding slowly but that its
outcome is a matter of great un-
certainty even to those most
intimately connected with it. For
the third or fourth time within
recent weeks, "news" reached
Hongkong yesterday that Marshal
Li Chai-sum is definitely coming
down to Canton in about a week's
time, but inasmuch as he has failed
to make the journey hitherto
there would seem but little to war-
rant reliance on this latest
prophecy. It is averred on the
other hand, and with reason to
back it up, that he will not leave
Nanking unless the Kwangsi
Clique, of which he is one of the
foremost members, fails to keep
the upper hand in the political re-
orientation which has to follow
the Nationalists' successes. Those
who are fond of reading portents
say that if Marshal Li does
return to Canton it will be to
consolidate his position in the
South against the possibility of a
break with the rest of the Nation-
alist factions. An interesting
report in this connexion was
given publicly a few days ago,
the purport of it being that there
has been quietly assembling at
Canton influential representatives
of all the South-western Provinces,
whose purpose is to confer on the
establishment of a military con-
federacy which would be strong
enough to permit the South to keep
its independence in the event of
the Kwangsi party being over-
shadowed in Nanking. On the
other hand, if all goes well with
Marshal Li and his party in Nan-
king, he will doubtless be content
to remain in the Yangtze area
where his influence and power
would be greater than if he came
down to Canton to be but a re-
gional chief.

The Chinese political problem
has become a little more involved
of late by the return, from all
the corners of the earth, of the
former lights of the old Nation-

alist Party. Mr. Sun Fo, Mr. Wu
Han-min, Mr. Wu Teh-chen and
others are now back again and
all have had conferences with
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the real
outcome of which is hidden in
many conflicting reports. One
thing which does seem to stand out
clear, however, is the ascendancy
of the moderate outlook, especially
as regards the appraisal of
Britain's attitude towards China.
The intercourse which these
travellers have had with officials
at Home has apparently convinced
them that there is depth and reality
behind Britain's claim that she
does not wish to interfere with
Chinese administration in any way
and genuinely desires to revise
official relationships so soon as
there is a stable and competent
central authority with which she
can deal. Mr. Sun Fo, in his first
speech after landing in Shanghai,
made gracious acknowledgment of
his new-found conviction, and he
is a man of sufficient prominence
to impress those among whom he
will now be mixing. With the
promise of an early settlement of
the outstanding Nanking affair,
and with the announcement (by
the *North China Daily News*) that
the service of Loans secured on
the Salt Revenue has been guaran-
teed by the Nationalist Govern-
ment in a manner acceptable to
all parties, there should be much
clearing of the air so far as for-
eign matters are concerned. These
two reports, if justified by later
events, are of major importance.

Among the Chinese themselves,
however, there still seems to be a
great lack of confidence, which is
reflected in the fact that commer-
cial transactions continue to be of
a "hand-to-mouth" character. No
one is quite certain as to what will
be the outcome of the political
moves now being made—whether
China will be plunged into a war
between Nationalist factions or
whether there will be a cohesive
arrangement. Lack of trust
among the leaders themselves is
at the root of the whole matter
and until the waiting game now
being played develops to the stage
at which the real trend of things
is revealed, one cannot hope for
much improvement. It is con-
ceded in Chinese circles here that
during the absence of Marshal Li
anything might happen up at
Canton, though it is to be hoped
that the present powers-that-be
will be able to preserve the exist-
ing state of peace and good or-
der. Undoubtedly, the situation
in China generally to-day is preg-
nant with great opportunities to
establish the beginnings of a
stable and moderate administra-
tion, and one can only wish well
for the leaders who are working
in that cause.

Madrid Disaster Revelations.

It is not essential to be a re-
sident of Madrid to experience a
very deep sense of shock at the
startling evidences of gross and
culpable negligence lying at the
root of the terrible Novedades
Theatre disaster. The fearful
loss of human life involved and
all the horrors attending a cata-
strophe of such dimensions will
have repercussions extending far
beyond national boundaries. The
revelations already made disclose
a disgraceful lack of precaution
and supervision nothing short of
scandalous. The building was one
of the oldest in the Spanish
capital and was constructed of
wood. Yet there was no fire cur-
tain, while the fire extinguishers
failed to function, suggesting that
no effort had been made to keep
them in good order, with the prob-
ability that they were too old
to be of any service. The theatre
authorities were not alone to
blame in the matter. It appears
that the Fire Brigade officials had
been fully aware of the theatre's
fateful shortcomings for some
time, having reported thereon
no fewer than seven times.
Nothing, however, was done, the
result of the procrastination
being Sunday evening's dreadful
calamity. Furthermore, the exit
arrangements were such that hun-
dreds of people in the upper tiers
had not the remotest chance of
escape once the fire had taken a
hold. The panic, of course, added
to the horrors. In such circum-
stances, however, it was too much
to expect cool heads to prevail.
Human nature fears nothing more

DAY BY DAY.

REVENGE IS AN INHUMAN WORD.—
Seneca.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashgar, from
Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on
Friday.

The B.L. s.s. Talma, from Singa-
pore, is due here on Saturday
morning.

Two cases of enteric were report-
ed to the Medical Officer of Health
yesterday.

The Assistant Commissioner of
the St. John Ambulance Brigade
acknowledges with thanks the re-
ceipt of a donation of \$100 to the
Brigade funds from the Mercantile
Bank of India.

A Sookurpoo Market poultry
man was fined \$10 at the Central
Police Court this morning for leav-
ing three crates of fowls deprived
of water. Inspector Fowler, of the
S.P.C.A. prosecuted.

At the Marine Court this morn-
ing, before Comdr. J. B. Nevill,
D.S.O., R.N., the master of a fishing
junk, charged with navigating the
harbour without regulation lights,
pleaded guilty and was fined \$5,
with the usual alternative.

An Albatron hound, belonging to
Mr. de Rome, of No. 4, Causeway
Hill, was yesterday removed by the
police to the Kennedy Town
Slaughter House for observation.
The animal, on Saturday last, bit a
Chinese messenger from the General
Post Office.

A Chinese woman reported to the
police last night that whilst on her
way to the Ko Shing Theatre from
her house in Wyndham Street,
some person managed to cut her
waistcoat pocket and extract
jewellery, money and an insurance
badge, to the total value of \$48.

This morning's Harbour Office
reports gave 17 arrivals and 18
departures, with British holding
top place, recording seven vessels
under each heading, leaving 61
vessels in harbour, of which 21
were British. Tonnage was lower
than on the previous day and
freight returns were also reduced,
especially under the British head-
ing.

Three men who are alleged to
have been concerned in the armed
robbery at Aberdeen on Sunday
last, were yesterday arrested by the
police and were brought before Mr.
R. E. Lindell this morning. A re-
mand was granted to enable the au-
thorities to make further enquiries.
It will be recalled that three men
raided an unnumbered hut and stole
\$6 and a blanket.

Fines totalling seventy-five
dollars were imposed on a marine
storekeeper by Major C. Willson
yesterday when a plea of "guilty"
was returned by Mr. Horace Lo,
on behalf of the hawkers, on a
charge of purchasing a quantity
of type from a minor under four-
teen years of age. The defendant
also pleaded guilty to a charge of
not making an entry in his book
in regard to the purchase. The
types in question were stolen from
the *South China Morning Post*,
the youthful thief having been
sentenced on Monday to twelve
months.

"OCCASIONAL RAIN."

The Royal Observatory reports
that the depression has passed into
the Pacific and the anti-cyclones
have merged into a belt of high
pressure extending from North
China across Japan with a
maximum over the Yellow Sea.
A trough of relatively low pressure
now extends from Indo-China
across Luzon to the Ladrones. Fresh
monsoon will continue along the
south-east coast of China and over
the North China Sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow
is—North-east winds, fresh;
cloudy, occasional rain.

than fire, to which we might call
witness the unexampled fascina-
tion of a serious conflagration for
spectators in the safety of dis-
tance. Dozens, no doubt, died
long before the devouring flames
completed their disfigurement, but
in this the responsible persons
cannot find the slightest excuse.
No-one will suggest that the
terrible lack of precaution was
due to perversity, but that is the
way things usually work out. In-
competence and laxity are prob-
ably the cause of more tragedies
of this nature than anything else.
One consolation only re-
mains, and that is, the
publication of the facts will
create such a wave of public feel-
ing that Spanish authorities will
rigidly enforce their regulations in
future to prevent a recurrence.
There may be something seriously
wrong in a country which needs
disaster to bring about reform, but
even so, it is to be hoped that the
lesson will be taken seriously to
heart, not only in Madrid, but in
other places where it can fairly
be said that regulations, or their
enforcement, are equally lax.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

MUCH DRUG COMING FROM
WUCHOW.

A fine of \$2,500, or, in default,
six months' hard labour, was the
sentence imposed by Mr. R. E.
Lindell on a Chinese this morning,
when the latter was charged with
possession of thirty-five taels of
non-Government opium.

His Worship remitted to Re-
venue Officer Ward, who was pro-
secuting, that there seemed to be
a very large traffic going on now-
adays.

R. O. Ward:—There is a tre-
mendous lot coming in from
Wuchow.

His Worship:—Is it much chea-
per than the Government opium,
even at reduced rates?

R. O. Ward:—There are no more
reduced rates; we have gone back

About Hong Kong.

Do you know that—

The bells of St. John's
Cathedral were donated by
former residents of the colony.
This was the Hon. Mr. F.
Parry, and the peal was rung
for the first time on New
Year's Eve, 1869.

In 1868, the cost of the
Cathedral's organ was raised
by public subscription, and
arrangements were made for
the services of a first-class
organist. As a result, Mr. G.
F.A. Sangster came out from
Home in 1869, and he conduct-
ed the Cathedral choir for 35
years with much success.

to the old rates as the second-
class quality is finished.

In another case, a Chinese who
was arrested in Queen's Road West
with twenty-one taels of opium
strapped round his legs by rubber
bands, pleaded that he was carry-
ing it for a friend. He told the
Magistrate that he and his friend
came ashore from the s.s. Mausang
and that he was promised a few
dollars in commission to carry it
to a certain tea-house.

His Worship:—What happened
to your friend when you were stop-
ped?

Defendant:—We took different
ways on landing.

The analyst's certificate showed
that the drug was second grade
Macau opium, and his Worship
pointed out the unlikelihood of
the defendant having obtained the
drug from the Mausang.

A fine of \$1,500, or, in default,
five months' hard labour, was
imposed.

MOTOR CAR AND CYCLE PARADE.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT
IN SOON.

Owners of motor vehicles who
have not yet entered the decorat-
ed and illuminated motor car
event, organised by the Hongkong
Automobile Association, in con-
nexion with the forthcoming
Grand Tattoo, are reminded that
the entry list will shortly be
closed. It is hoped that those
who intend to participate, but who
have not yet sent in their names,
will do so as early as possible, in
order to assist those who are
arranging the parade.

It is anticipated that some novel
schemes will be seen, but for
those who have not yet decided on
a plan of decoration, we are asked
to mention that Messrs. Der A.
Wing, of 60, Des Voeux Road, have
a most useful booklet, fully illus-
trated, which shows many novel
decorative schemes for motor
vehicles. The booklet is issued
by the Dennison Paper Company,
and a stock of these coloured
papers is kept locally.

Entries for the parade should
be sent to Mr. C. M. Mannors,
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Co., Ltd.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Sept. 25.
Paris	124.10
Brussels	34.00
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Berlin	20.84
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.44
Helsinki	10.76
Lisbon	70.74
Bucharest	47.51 1/2
Buenos Aires	2.75
Shanghai	1/10.21/82
Yokohama	4.85 15/16
New York	26.20
Geneva	92.75
Milan	18.18
Stockholm	18.18
Oslo	18.18
Prague	20.89
Madrid	8.75 1/2
Athens	5.29/32
Rio	1/6.31/32
Bombay	2
Hongkong	20.5/16
Silver (spot)	20.7/16
Silver (forward)	20.7/16

—British Wireless.

The Very Late!

At the Clerkwell Police-court
recently John Smith, 24, a mer-
chant seaman, of Rowton House,
Hammersmith, was charged on
remand with assaulting Phillis
Allister, a schoolgirl, by cutting
off her hair with a pair of scissors,
in Euston-road. Smith was now
further charged with stealing a
plait of hair and ribbon, value
\$10, the property of Miss Allister,
and pleaded guilty.

A detective said there were
several convictions against Smith
for cutting off girls' hair. He had
offered this girl \$10 as compensa-
tion. Defendant said he was
willing to pay the sum, but it was
explained to him that the magis-
trate would still do his duty. The
police then handed over \$10 to
the prosecutor, on the defendant's
behalf. Mr. Dummett, the magis-
trate, said, he would take this into
consideration, but it seemed to
him that the act was some form of
sexual mania, and the public must
be protected. Smith would go to
prison for a month and for the
larceny for six months.

The latest "news" is also cal-
led silly mania.
Ambiguity means telling the
truth when you don't want to.

Father and son were at a
bazaar where a dainty little lady
was selling glass in aid of the
local distress fund, said the
father, "my boy," said the
father, "here's half a crown, go
and kiss her. When I was young
I used to make them scream."
The son returned a few minutes
later, following an uproar.
"Well, my boy, did you kiss
her?"
"Yes, father."
"What did you do to make her
scream?"
"Kept the half-crown."

Willisden applicant: The top
flat people pour water on us as
we come home from shopping.
Magistrate: Never mind. Keep
cool.

A Willisden man complained
that a policeman "drew his pun-
cheon."
Mr. W. B. Luke, Willisden
magistrate: A policeman while
on duty is almost a sacred person-
age.

Evidence at Epsom: I thought
that something was going to hap-
pen because of the attitude on
her face.
Barrister at Sussex Assizes:
Did he wear a moustache? Wo-
man witness: Really it made no
impression on me. Mr. Justice
Avery (smiling): You are not
asked if it made any impression
on you.

Angry woman at North London:
You are deliberately telling lies,
and your tongue ought to fall out.
Debtor's wife at Shoreditch:
They could not find my husband,
and as I was out they posted the
summons on the door—a nice
thing to do.

A man sentenced at the Old
Bailey for bigamy asked if he
might see his two "wives." The
Recorder: Yes, but he had better
not see them both together.

Home Holiday Fears.

This year, I think, before we
start
For our brief summer holiday,
I'll go and see my neighbour
Smart.
Who hangs out just across the
way,
And ask that he'll kindly tell
Me on a postcard every night
if, in our villa, all is well—
Three words are all that he
need write.

Quite candidly, in point of fact,
I can't help entertaining fears.
Not that our place will be ran-
sacked,
For such a loss insurance
clears,
But rather of the weather's
freaks;
Indeed, I apprehend the
worst:
Who knows if, in the next few
weeks,
Through frosts and thaws,
our pipes won't burst?

Claimed to be the finest of its
class found since the British an-
nexation of Upper Burma, a ruby
has just been discovered by a Bur-
mese trader, named Ko Bagayaw, at
Chuannggyi mines. The gem,
which weighs over an ounce, is
flawless, perfect in colour and said
to be worth \$24,000.

"At one of the native mission
stations in Africa, at the close of
Divine service, the parson gave
out in the vernacular the hymn—
"Lord, dismiss us with thy bless-
ing."
He noticed that there was not
much fervour about the singing
on the part of his native con-
verts. He was afterwards explained
to him that the opening words of the
hymn had been translated into the
vernacular, thus:—"O Lord, kick
us out softly."

LATRINE ARGUMENT
IN COURT.WOMAN FINED FOR NOT
KEEPING IT CLEAN.

AN IGNORED ORDER.

A dirty latrine in a house in Wengchong Road, was the subject of considerable discussion in Mr. R. E. Lindell's Court this morning. Mr. C. A. B. Russ appeared for the owner of the house, a woman named Ng Wong-chi, who was summoned for failing to comply with an order from the Court for the latrine to be restored to a sanitary condition.

It was argued by Mr. Russ that the tenants should be brought in as the responsible parties in the case. The owner could not always be on the spot, ready to clean up the place every time it was used, and he or she might be rendered liable to thousands of dollars of damages and other dreadful penalties for trespassing.

Lindell:—He is between the devil and the deep sea. Sanitary Inspector White said that the order made by the Court, consequent on a previous summons, had not been complied with, and the place was in a dirty state when he visited it this morning to investigate.

Among the officials named by witness as having interested themselves in the case was his senior Inspector, and the Medical Officer of Health. Witness further complained that the matter had been going on for weeks now.

Mr. Russ:—I understand that on the occasion of the last visit, the receptacle was shining and polished.

It was disclosed that the latrine in question was used by the servants and was common to all the flats in the house.

Mr. Russ admitted that in that case, the owner was legally responsible. He could think of no legal reference to fall back upon to prove to the contrary.

His Worship:—You plead guilty and try to mitigate the offence?

Mr. Russ:—That might be the inclination of my plea.

Inspector White:—The woman is also the owner of other houses in the row.

Mr. Russ:—Now, I object to that.

Mr. Lindell, (to witness):—Confine yourself to the facts of this case.

Mr. Russ, in a plea for leniency, remarked:—I am sure the Sanitary people will not be vindictive if they are assured that it is clean now.

Mr. Russ asked for a light fine. His Worship made it \$50, and issued an order for the latrine to be cleaned within 48 hours.

On behalf of his client, Mr. Russ then asked for time in which to pay the fine.

His Worship:—Twenty-four hours. Otherwise a warrant will be issued. The alternative is four weeks.

UNDER NEW NAME.

"KONG SO" ON MAIDEN TRIP
TO-DAY.

The s.s. Kong So, ex-Chuen Chow, makes her maiden voyage to Wuchow under her new name this evening, leaving at 5 p.m. The vessel has been entirely overhauled and refurnished as to cabins and accommodation generally, and is now in first-class condition.

The Kong So was decorated throughout this morning, while at the same time being dressed over-all. It is understood that there will be a Chinese demonstration this evening when she sails, and that the celebration marking the new run will be held at Wuchow on Friday, on the occasion of the Moon Festival.

The vessel is now owned by the Tung Wo S.S. Company and the officers are Captain A. McInnis; Chief Officer, Mr. H. W. Parry; and Chief Engineer, Mr. R. C. Pass.

ENGLISH GIRL'S EXPLOIT AT
MADRID.

Madrid, Aug. 30.

An English girl, whose name is given as Lili Brown, went to the General Post Office here to-day to fetch a parcel, but for some unknown reason refused to sign for it. Finally a policeman was called in.

The policeman took down Miss Brown's address and examined her credentials, and being satisfied, directed her with all the majesty of the law to sign the objectionable receipt.

To the horror of the officials, the caller, instead of complying, soundly boxed the policeman's ears. She was seized and taken before the nearest magistrate. Her fate has not yet been made known.

THE SILENCE OF
MUSSOLINI.STREET NOISES TO BE
ABOLISHED.

Since Signor Mussolini has decreed the abolition of street noises in Italy, different Government departments are now studying ways and means whereby the decree can be enforced.

Noise is inevitable in a country where from time immemorial the people have practically lived in the street, have acquired the habit of shouting instead of talking, and are inclined to burst into song when they have nothing to shout about.

Motoring has increased the din greatly, as the "legal" way to drive a car in Italy is to steer it with one hand and hoot with the other.

One is bound to hoot at every street corner, and one is enjoined to hoot at every bend on a country road.

Large notice-boards on highways warn motorists of a corner, adding, "Keep your hand and hoot."

And motorists in Italy do, indeed, go with a blast—as when Matthew Arnold's noble Roman "drove abroad in furious guise along the Appian Way."

Happy-Go-Lucky.

Then, pedestrians prefer the middle of the street when they are strolling about. If one happens to be reading a newspaper, he does not put it aside when he crosses a street.

A certain amount of hooting must therefore survive.

It has accordingly been decided to lower the timbre of claxons and horns in order to insure at least harmonious sounds.

Later newboys will be forbidden to "shout" their papers; hawkers will sell their wares silently; and all people will hold their street conversations in a low tone and a soft voice.

Singing in the streets will cease, and even workmen will not sing at their work. Even in narrow streets with houses on each side almost touching, conversations between neighbours across the street will not be carried on.

Curfew for Bells.

Bell-ringing has not escaped the notice of the officials studying the noise problem. Special restrictions will limit the time when bells can be rung.

The faithful will no longer be called to prayer by church bells too early in the morning; and the thousands of peals for saints will not be celebrated as heretofore by continuous bell ringing.

Sound-proof houses will be built; so that their occupants will not be disturbed by the noises made by their neighbours (or vice versa).

Factories will be transferred to the country.

Carpenters, ironsmiths, coopers, metal workers and others will have to learn how to work, as the builders of Solomon's Temple worked ("There was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard."—1 Kings, vi. 7.).

All this seems as if it cannot be till the recurrence of the Saturnian golden age of Virgil's "Pollio"—but Fascism can do miracles, and such is the end the new laws will aim at.

Iron will and Alfy Won't. Above is merely an outline, and incomplete at that, of the measures suggested by the officials entrusted with the study of the noise problem.

Anyone with experience of this country realises that noise is as necessary to the average Italian as the air he breathes, and that even Signor Mussolini's iron will and severe legislation may not change the character of Italians and make them silent.

All the same, the attempt to denude noise will be made in the name of the Fascist law.

EMIGRANTS TO
CANADA.MINISTER ON THE BRITISH
HARVESTERS.

Ottawa, Aug. 29.

Mr. Forke, the Minister of Immigration, has issued a statement with reference to the reported declaration of Lord Lovat, the Under Secretary of the Dominions, which appeared in a Winnipeg paper, that Britishers failed to understand why Canada could bring only 50,000 immigrants from Great Britain annually, while other countries could bring 51,000.

Mr. Forke said that the British immigrant was being practically subsidised, and Canada was doing all that was possible to encourage British immigration of the right kind. The movement of British harvesters to the West would be a good test of adaptability of such men to Canadian conditions.

He had heard no complaints in the West, and he doubted the existence of any general dissatisfaction. He had four British harvesters on his own farm, and they were all doing well.

PROTECTING LOYAL
WORKERS.AUSTRALIAN SCHEME FOR
REGISTRATION.

OFFICIAL APPROVAL.

Canberra, Sept. 25.

The Federal Executive Council has approved the regulations for the registration of waterside workers, all of whom must apply for a licence at a cost of one shilling.

These licences will be valid until June 30th, 1929, after which they will be renewable.

Licences will be cancelled if the holders do not comply with lawful orders, and employers are forbidden to engage those not holding licences.—*Reuter*.

Position Complicated.

Melbourne, Sept. 25.

Negotiations for the settlement of the strike are still proceeding, but the position is most complicated. The Melbourne seamen have decided to support the waterside workers who refuse to work with the volunteers.

The stevedores at Port Phillip obeyed the transport conference instructions to present themselves for engagement but none were engaged as the shipowners want to see a resumption of work in other States before deciding on their future plans.

In the meanwhile the engagement of volunteers is proceeding apace and 650 are working in Melbourne, 1,122 in Brisbane. The owners declare that the volunteers doing 50 to 100 per cent more work than the regular dockers.

Stormy Meeting.

A stormy meeting of dock labourers at Adelaide howled down a proposal to resume work. The waterside workers at Brisbane have decided to resume work, but the seamen at Fremantle are supporting the dockers.

The Government is determined to stand by the volunteers and are drafting regulations (given above) whereby all waterside workers must be registered, and if they fail to carry out the conditions, the registration will be cancelled and they will be unable to secure employment on the waterfront.—*Reuter*.

A Concession.

Brisbane, Sept. 25.

The most important development in the waterside workers' strike is that yesterday, the seamen in the interstate trade decided to supply steam for the volunteer workers.—*Reuter*.

In a letter signed "Unknown" and addressed to the Coroner, an unidentified middle-aged man who was found poisoned in Waterlow Park, Highgate, wrote: "This is all that remains of a genius who has suffered from nephritis for twenty-five years and which has gradually sapped my strength. I am almost always in a constant state of depression. I am interested in all kinds of things in this great and beautiful planet—nature study, sports, politics, &c." The letter was read at the inquest at Islington, when Sir Walter Schroder recorded a verdict that the man committed suicide, but that the evidence was insufficient to show the state of his mind at the time.



"Don't see why you turned down that footman job, Bert."

"Their uniform was three sizes too small. D'ye think I want to look like a 'bloomin' movie usher?"

MARITAL COURT FOR
MANILA PROPOSED.JUDICIARY FOR DOMESTIC
RELATIONS.

A marriage court of arbitration will be created in Manila if a Bill introduced in the Senate providing for its creation and appropriating funds for expenses and personnel is passed.

The tribunal will have jurisdiction chiefly over conjugal matters but it is also granted the power of recognizing cases involving disputes over support, nullity of marriage, legitimacy of children, recognition of natural children, exercise of parental control or authority over the family and damages arising from breach of promise.

In addition the court also will have jurisdiction over distribution of property and the legalization of testaments.

As such a court, it would take away from the courts of first instance, that of the Ninth District comprising Manila, at least from the right to try these cases, thus relieving the city court of first instance of this work which is declared to be one of the objects of the bill.

Domestic Relations Court.

The marriage court of arbitration may properly be called a court of domestic relations, one of its principal aims being to prevent hasty and unnecessary breaking of family ties especially between husband and wife who through a trifling misunderstanding may at once resort to separation as the most speedy remedy.

The author of the bill declares that the court of domestic relations proposal forms part of the move recently taken by the Philippine legislature to safeguard the moral of the Filipino home and to preserve its family traditions. According to him, modernism and "jazzism" are fast invading Filipino society which is showing undesirable tendencies toward laxity of morals.

It is a counterpart, he said, of the step taken by the law-making body last year in enacting a more strict marriage law of which the object was to curtail hasty marriages and their undesirable consequences.

AIR ROUTES TO ITALY.

FIVE OFFICIAL PASSAGES
ACROSS FRONTIER.

Rome, Aug. 29.

Aeroplane and airships entering or leaving Italy must henceforward follow one of the five official air routes, a deviation of a mile and a quarter, or two kilometres, only being allowed on either side of the official passage.

The routes are via Mont Conis, via Domodossola, via Chiasso, via the Brenner and via Longarone Postumia. Air machines must report for customs passport to the airports at the foregoing aerial frontiers, which are respectively Turin, Milan, Milan, Udine, and Trieste.

Planes and airships must fly not higher than 6,000 feet. Approaching Italy via the seaboard entrance everywhere is permitted except prohibited areas.

"DEAD" MAN COMES
TO LIFE.BRIGAND AFTER EXECUTION
RISES FROM COFFIN.

CROWD MAKES MERRY.

Hankow, Sept. 12.

A peculiarly grim incident has just occurred at Ningpo. Three brigands were executed by being shot. The bodies were later on put into coffins ready for burial. Whilst being taken to the burial ground one of the supposed dead men came to life again. The astonished boatman nearly fell out of the boat when one of these unfortunate came to, put his head through a hole he had knocked in his coffin and asked what was happening.

Shot Again.

The boatman, when he had sufficiently recovered, rowed back and delivered the victim over to the authorities. These latter promptly shot him once more, and when asked why they did not let him go after so dreadful an experience, said they dared not. The man was a bad, desperate character, it was unsafe for him to be about.

Gruesome Practice.

The Taichow Fu public execution ground is situated close to the wall without the city on the banks of the river. Most of the criminals executed there nowadays are shot by soldiers. Hundreds flock together to see the gruesome sight. Men and women, boys and girls without distinction of sex or age. Some of the spectators, generally women and children as soon as the soldiers have retired, rush up to the bodies and soak up the blood in small pieces of cloth and even in pieces of bread. It is a common experience to meet young men coming home from an execution with pieces of cloth, the size of a handkerchief, soaked in blood. This they take home, or the bread, burn and then carefully collect the ashes, and with the aid of tea or water swallow them. Many people regard them as possessing valuable curative properties in case of consumption.

Laugh And Joke.

Two young brigands recently went off to execution in the highest spirit of bravado. They laughed and joked as they walked along, now and then turning round to the people and bidding them come along and see "their father put to death," and then with a snarl of song, marched on again. One of them when they reached the execution ground fixed his eyes on the soldier who was about to shoot him and said, "Now mind and do your work properly and shoot me dead at once. Don't let us have any bungling over the business. If you do make a mess of it, my spirit will search you out and I will haunt you and make a mess of your life." Returning from the scene the onlookers had the appearance of a crowd coming from the theatrically and spoke of the victims just as they do of actors.

TRANSATLANTIC AIR
SERVICE.GERMAN PREPARATIONS TO
START NEXT YEAR.

An article in the French technical paper "Les Ailes," one of the best informed aero-nautical journals, analyses in detail the German plan to start a flying boat service across the South Atlantic next year.

"The entire energies of German aviation," says the writer, "are now focussed on the Atlantic." Elaborate meteorological studies were made, and five Atlantic routes were examined from the point of view of weather suitability. It was found that the route to South America, via the Canary Islands, Cape Verde, and Brazil, could be operated all the year round, but that the route to North America would be impracticable in winter owing to the high winds.

A main "feeder" line for routes to both North and South America was established. It covered Berlin, Frankfurt, Basel, Geneva, Marseilles, Barcelona, and Madrid, and drained the mail and passenger air traffic from Central Europe.

Meanwhile, the Battle was used as a laboratory for tests with giant flying boats made by Dornier and Rohrbach.

It is stated that preparations for the improvement and extension of the Transatlantic lines in the future are already being made. One hundred ton flying boats are taking shape on paper, and numerous other advanced designs are being produced. It will thus be seen that the first Transatlantic air service is likely to be a flying boat and not an airship service.

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NAVAL SPORT.

L20 WINS AT FOOTBALL AND LOSSES AT HOCKEY.

In an interesting hockey match at Happy Valley on Monday evening, L20 defeated L20 by five goals to two. The game was fast from the start. A.B. Wodehouse was one of the outstanding players on the field and Whitehead was responsible for some exceedingly smart work for L20.

A football match between L20 and the R.A.O.C. produced a very exciting game. This was the first time the submarine team had been out and they did well to beat their opponents by three goals to two. Tel. Wilding and E.R.A. Moore were prominent throughout, and Tel. Field struck one as likely to develop into a first class player.

Viscount Jellicoe has instructed Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley to find a tenant or purchaser for his Isle of Wight property, St. Lawrence Hall, near Ventnor.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

THE LAI WAH CUP.

RESULT OF THE DRAW AND DATES.

The draw for the Lai Wah Cup, which was made at a meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association, which was held at the Chaplain's Hut, Scandal Point, yesterday evening, resulted as follows:

(1) The Army versus the Navy.
(2) Civilians versus the Chinese.
There are only four entrants for this competition, the first semi-final for which will be played on October 27 and the second on November 24. The final will be played off on December 15. All matches will be played on the Hongkong Club ground, if available.

Mr. J. Ormiston presided, supported by Mr. W. E. Hollands, secretary, Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, C. I. E., Mr. J. McCubbin, Capt. A. W. Austin, M.C., R.A., Mr. F. W. Barbour, Mr. F. W. Black and Mr. H. K. Lee.

At the beginning of the meeting, the chairman referred to the absence of the chairman, Mr. R. Hall, saying that he had gone for a holiday owing to ill-health. Mr. Ormiston said he was sure they would all join in wishing Mr. Hall a speedy recovery.

K. F. C. Army Players.
There was a good deal of discussion with regard to three Army players who applied for permission to register with the Kowloon Football Club. The applicants were Small Units men and had obtained the permission of their commanding officer, in accordance with the rules, under which the only other thing necessary is the concurrence of the council.

It was pointed out that difficulty had been experienced by the Small Units to put teams in league divisions but the establishment of a Soldiers' Club had now made it more possible. This year the Small Units had entered two teams, one in each division of the league, and it was argued that the Soldiers' Club should have first call on their own players.

Support for this club was asked for, one suggestion being that no player eligible to play for Small Units should be registered with a civilian club except by consent of the Small Units F.A.

Capt. Austin stated that he knew there were men awaiting the decision of the council on the point and if the applications were accepted without any reservation the Small Units would have to resign from the league.

Applications Accepted.
After a good deal of discussion it was decided that the applications should be accepted for the registration of the three players, and an amendment that they should not be accepted was lost.

It was further decided to inform commanding officers that although the three applications had been accepted, further applications would be dealt with on their merits.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the chairman said that the council had decided, in conjunction with the Hongkong Club, to hold a farewell dinner in honour of Mr. J. McCubbin, who is retiring, on October 10. On behalf of the council he would say very little at the moment because Mr. McCubbin would get all the eulogy he deserved at the dinner. They were very sorry that Mr. McCubbin was leaving them and his departure would be a very great loss to soccer and other sports. He had personally known Mr. McCubbin since he (the chairman) arrived in the Colony over 20 years ago. They very much regretted his impending departure.

Mr. McCubbin replied that it would be a great pleasure to him to attend the dinner when he would have an opportunity of expressing his thanks.

LOCAL CRICKET.

VOLUNTEERS' TEAM AGAINST KOWLOON.

The following will represent the Volunteers 2nd XI at Kowloon, on Saturday, against the K.C.C. 2nd XI, at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—C. H. West (Capt.), R. R. Davies, J. E. Hancock, R. K. Valentine, W. M. Groves, T. L. Christie, A. Read, V. W. L. Stanion, J. L. Bonnar, G. A. B. Plummer and H. P. L. Ewin.

I.R.C. Teams for the Week-end.
The following will represent the I.R.C. in a friendly match to be played on the I.R.C. Ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 29th September, versus H. K. Electric Recreation Club.
Sirdar Khan (Capt.), M. P. Madar, I. Hassan, D. Mahomed, A. M. Rum, M. R. Abbas, A. R. Sufiad, A. Butt, B. M. K. Mahaboy, R. Nazarin and A. Rahman. Reserve: A. R. H. Esmail.

I.R.C. v R.A.S.C.
The following will represent the I.R.C. in the above friendly match to be played on the I.R.C. Ground at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 30.

Sirdar Khan (Capt.), M. P. Madar, D. Mahomed, A. M. Rum, M. R. Abbas, A. R. Sufiad, A. Butt, B. M. K. Mahaboy, R. Nazarin and A. Rahman. Reserve: U. T. Thad.

CANTON TENNIS LEAGUE.

RESULTS OF SECOND ROUND.

Shameen, Sept. 25.
The outstanding feature of the matches played over the week-end in the second round of the Canton Tennis League was the sensational defeat of all the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club teams. In fact, with four teams playing five matches each the best of three sets, the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club "A" team was the only one to win a single set.

The weather was very suitable for play, being cool and overcast; it rained slightly early in the afternoon, but not in any way sufficient to spoil the courts.

The results of Saturday's play were as follows:

Played on the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club's ground (grass).—Shameen C, O; Lingnan B. (Students), 5.

Played on the Canton Citizens Athletic Association's ground (en-tout-cas).—Canton Dragons, 5; Shameen B, O.

Played on Mr. Greene's court's (en-tout-cas).—Mr. Greene's team, 4; the Returned Students, 1.

Played on the Lingnan University ground (en-tout-cas).—Lingnan G. (Faculty), 5; Shameen A, O.

Played on the Japanese Tennis Club's ground (en-tout-cas).—Japanese B, 5; Shameen D, O.

Played on the Tungshan Garden Club's ground (cement).—The Tungshan Garden Club (German Club), O; Japanese A, 5.

The present standing of the various teams is as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Canton Dragons	2	10	0	10
Lingnan C	2	10	0	10
Lingnan A	2	8	2	8
Japanese A	2	8	2	8
Japanese B	2	7	3	7
Canton Tigers	2	6	4	6
Mr. Greene's Team	2	6	4	6
Lingnan B	2	5	5	5
Tungshan Garden Club	2	5	5	5
Shameen A	2	3	7	3
Shameen B	2	1	9	1
Returned Students	2	1	9	1
Shameen C	2	0	10	0
Shameen D	2	0	10	0

—Our Own Correspondent.

INTERPORT GOLF.

HONGKONG TEAM FOR SHANGHAI SELECTED.

The Hongkong Interport golf team for Shanghai has now been definitely decided upon. The last acceptance was received yesterday, and the team will now be made up as follows:—A. H. Ferguson (Captain), O. E. Martin, L. G. S. Doolwell, A. E. Lisaman, R. A. Redmond, C. C. Stark.

It had been hoped to send a much stronger team North, but unfortunately several of the leading players are unable to make the trip. These include T. D. E. Pendered, I. W. Shevan and L. R. Andrews. On paper the side does not impress, but Hongkong invariably do well in the North and it is fully expected that they will give their formidable rivals a close and interesting game.

The Interport match will consist of foursomes and singles and will extend over two days. It has been fixed for Wednesday and Thursday, October 10 and 11, after which the Hongkong players are expected to take part in the Amateur Championship of China, a title that has not yet come to the Colony.

Latest advices from Shanghai are to the effect that the Northern team will be very strong. The "Big Four"—Edd, Blinke, Malcolm and Pletcher—are available. At one time it was anticipated that Budd would be away from Shanghai at the time of the Interport, but he has now taken up a job with the B.A.T., by which firm Blinke is also employed. J. B. Ferrier, who held the championship of Shanghai for a number of years and frequently appeared in Interport matches against Hongkong, was also a B.A.T. man. He is now Secretary of a Golf Club in Australia.

The "Big Four" are certain of their places and the only positions to fill will be the last two. When Shanghai came down here at the beginning of the year K. O. Cumming and Pettit were the fifth and sixth players respectively. Both are still in Shanghai and it is probable that one of them will be chosen.

While they consider it unnecessary to require any mark on imported carbon paper itself, the Standing Committee recommends that the containers and wrappers of imported carbon papers should bear an indication of origin.

HAGGLE OVER THE PENCE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

defendants' contract with the building owners and the specification would not concern the plaintiff at all, other parts might or might not apply to him, and even those portions which might apply, ought not, I think, to be applied unless specifically mentioned. On the whole I am of opinion that, in the absence of express agreement, no part of the defendants' building contract and specification applies to their agreement with the plaintiff to supply masons for the work, which is a contract of a different nature.

We are accordingly left with no express provisions with regard to (a) time within which the work was to be completed; (b) how and when the plaintiff was to be paid; and (c) the method in which any dispute between the parties was to be settled, or who was to decide when the work had been satisfactorily completed so far as the plaintiff was concerned.

Reasonable Time Limit.

With regard to the time limit, the plaintiff has denied that he ever agreed to any. He refused to be bound by any such time as he allowed to take such time as he pleased. It is obvious he could not be bound by November 30, and there is no evidence that any other date was communicated to him.

We can only fall back on what was a reasonable time. The defendants have admitted that the plaintiff could not commence work until October 7. Mr. Hall, an architect of some years' experience, has stated that six months would be ample time. I agree that this is reasonable and am of opinion that in the absence of agreement the plaintiff should have finished his work on or before April 7.

With regard to the second point as to how payment was to be made. This usually varies according to the terms of the contract, but the contract here made no provision for payment. It has been laid down that where the contract does not make completion a condition precedent to payment there may be an implied stipulation on the part of the employer to pay from time to time a reasonable sum to the contractor during the progress of the work.

Essential Condition.

A contract for the supply of labour seems pre-eminently one in which reasonable payments should be made from time to time. It is very different from a building contract. A labour contractor has to pay his men daily or almost daily if he is to keep them satisfied and at work. They expect to be paid in full for work done irrespective of the progress of the work. The plaintiff was paying away cash in wages all the time. He got no long credits on building material and the like, such as a building contractor could get.

It would appear on March 7, the work was so near completion that the plaintiff considered he was

entitled to considerably more than 70 per cent. of the contract price. He could not get it and refused to go on. Very little was involved, not more than \$300, and I consider that the defendants should have met any reasonable demand of the plaintiff's in a liberal manner, instead of insisting on paying no more than 70 per cent. and by holding out in the way they did. I consider the defendants are responsible for all that followed.

Defendants Responsible.

No evidence of custom or rules of any Guilds has been put before me. It has been held that knowledge of the terms of the principal contract is not sufficient to prove that a sub-contractor agreed with the principal contractor to be bound by the terms of the principal contract.

It is unfortunate that the parties could not settle their dispute forthwith. It was a small matter and both parties were men with 20 years' experience. The defendants had a heavy penalty clause in their contract with the building owners, which was running against them while they unsuccessfully haggled over a trivial matter with the plaintiff for five or six weeks.

In my opinion the remedy lay with the defendants. It would have been better for them to have paid the plaintiff every cent he claimed rather than allow the penalty clause in their contract with the building owner to come into operation.

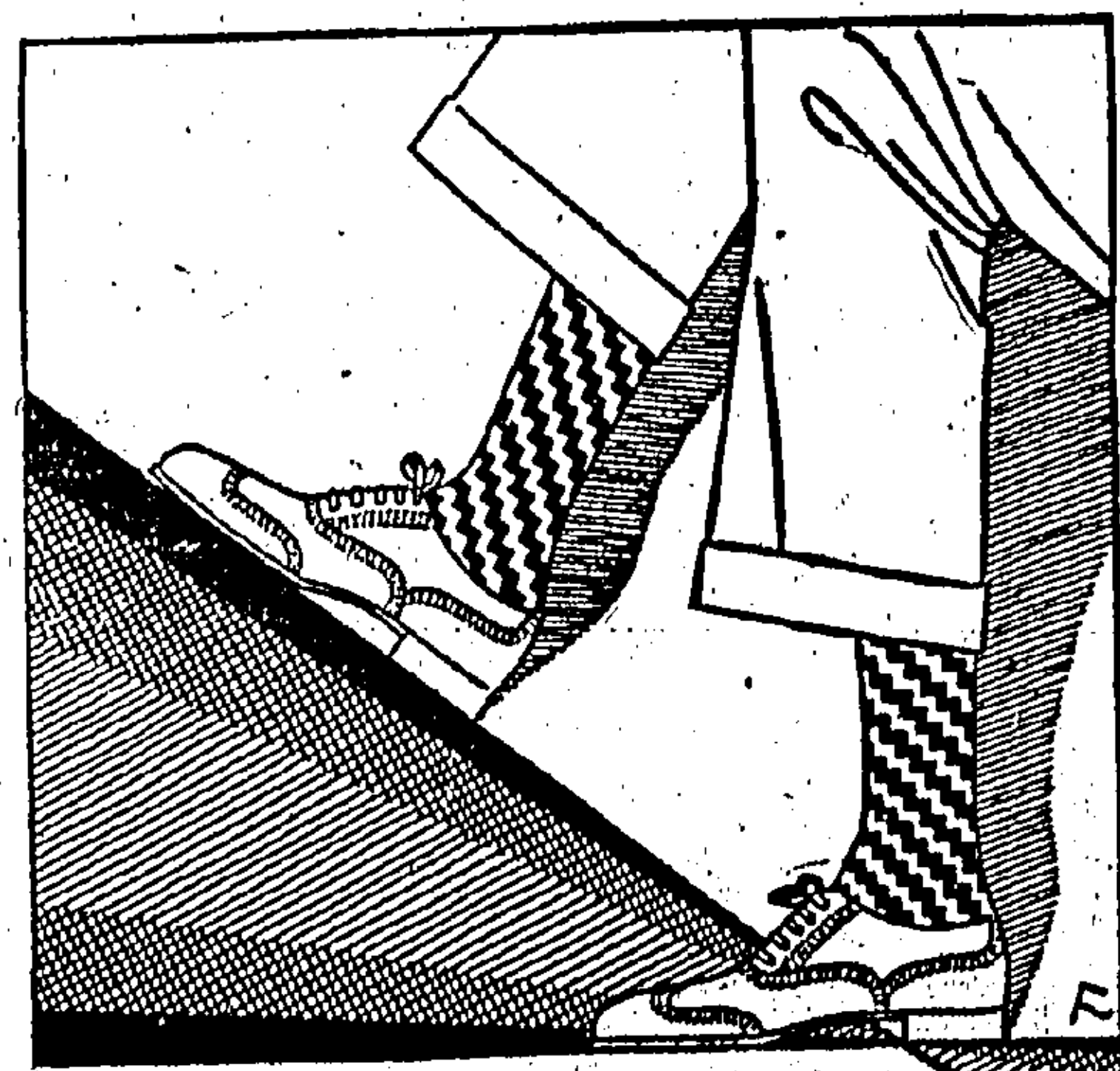
On the evidence I find that the defendants committed a breach of their agreement with the plaintiff by refusing to pay him a reasonable amount for the work done. There may, of course, have been difficulties such as local custom, rules of guilds and the like, but no evidence with regard to these has been placed before me, and in the absence of such evidence my view is that it was a small matter which should have been settled amicably in a few days.

Advice to Contractors.

In conclusion I would add that in contracts of this kind it is most important that there should be some memorandum in writing, stating the terms agreed on as clearly as possible, the more so in view of the fact that labour contractors are not usually men of substance and liberal education. In cases of this kind it is not desirable to endeavour to incorporate the principal contract in a general way, as so much of it does not concern a sub-contractor for labour. The particular clauses which it is intended to apply should be either specifically referred to or better still actually incorporated in the sub-contract.

I do not believe the plaintiff was as near the completion of his contract as he claimed to be, and I do not feel that I can give judgment for the full amount he seeks to recover.

I give judgment for the plaintiff on both the claim (for \$900) and counterclaim with costs.



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AN I.O.U. CLAM.

REFUSAL TO "CUT OFF THE COCK'S HEAD."

The ancient Chinese custom of "Cutting Off the Cock's Head," a method of declaring that a person is speaking the truth, was mentioned in the Summary Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Jacks, during the hearing of a claim for \$95 under an I.O.U. Mok Ting-fong, No. 5, Duddell Street, import and export merchant under the name of the Union Pacific Trading Company, was the plaintiff. The defendant was Ip Hung, alias Ip Yuk-on, 80, Des Voeux Road, Central, first floor.

It was alleged by the plaintiff that the I.O.U. was in respect of a loan for \$95, whereas the defendant contended that it was a gambling debt and could not be recovered. He asserted that the plaintiff's story was untrue and, through Mr. Leo D'Almada, Senr. asked the plaintiff whether he would be prepared to cut off a cock's head, saying if he would do so he (defendant) would withdraw from the case.

The plaintiff declined to do so, however, saying he did not think it was necessary, and the case was proceeded with.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson was for the plaintiff while Mr. Leo D'Almada defended.

Mr. Hodgson said he did not think it would be disputed that the I.O.U. was given by the defendant. He (Mr. Hodgson) had received an extraordinary letter from Mr. D'Almada setting up the special defence of illegality. He understood the defence was going to be that this money was given for a gambling purpose and was therefore not recoverable.

Mr. Hodgson said the plaintiff's evidence would be to the effect that he was going to Tai-po by train. On the station at Kowloon he met the defendant, whom he knew, who asked for a loan of \$95, explaining that he was in urgent need of money. The plaintiff made the loan, for which the defendant signed an I.O.U.

They both boarded the train but entered separate compartments. The plaintiff did not see the defendant again on that trip. Later the plaintiff asked for the money to be repaid, but the defendant made excuses.

Lost At Fan Tan.

Mr. D'Almada explained the defence was that the parties met on the ferry when the plaintiff told the defendant that he was going to Shum Chun to have a "flutter." He asked the defendant to join him. The defendant had about \$20 in his pocket and agreed to go. At Shum Chun they played fan tan with a joint account. They each put \$10 to the joint account, making \$20, but that was lost after three or four games.

His Lordship remarked that it would be better to finish the case for the plaintiff before hearing the defence, and the plaintiff was called to give evidence.

He gave evidence bearing out Mr. Hodgson's opening remarks and said that he had known the defendant for six months and his father for ten years.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada plaintiff said that sometimes, on holidays, he went to Macao for a "flutter."

You also go to Shum Chun for the same reason?—I have been there with friends.

Replying to further questions, plaintiff said "I am not fond of fan tan." He thought that the defendant was an honest man but he was ungrateful. The defendant asked for only \$95 and not \$100. He had previously borrowed small sums such as \$5 and \$10, on occasions when he had spent all his money at Macao and had not his boat fare home. Those loans had been repaid.

Mr. D'Almada put it to the plaintiff that the incident occurred on August 18, last, that they met on the ferry, and that the plaintiff invited the defendant to go to Shum Chun. This the plaintiff denied.

He further denied that they went to Shum Chun together to play fan tan, and that the capital at the start was \$10 each.

That you found you had lost \$100 each and as the defendant only had \$5 you asked him to sign this I.O.U. for \$95 on the way back?—No.

Cutting Off the Cock's Head.

Mr. D'Almada, addressing his Lordship, said he was going to ask his Lordship's permission to put a question as to whether the plaintiff would be prepared to "cut off the cock's head." He had similarly applied to Mr. Justice Gompertz (as he then was) and his application had been allowed. If the plaintiff was prepared to go to a Chinese temple in the usual Chinese fashion and "cut off the cock's head" then they were prepared to withdraw from the action. An adjournment could be granted for that purpose.

Mr. Justice Jacks pointed out that the plaintiff was giving evidence on a solemn declaration. He knew all about the ceremony but he did not think it applied in the present case. If, however, the

A GERMAN ATTEMPT.

BARON VON HUENEFELD ON FLIGHT TO FAR EAST.

Karachi, Sept. 25. Baron Von Huenefeld has arrived.—*Reuter.*

[The German airman, Baron von Huenefeld (who crossed the Atlantic in the "Bremen"), accompanied by the Swedish engineer, M. Lindner, left for Sofia in the aeroplane "Europa," as the first stage of a flight to the Far East, on the 18th inst. They hoped to reach Tokyo in eight days via Sofia, Constantinople, Bagdad, Karachi, Bangkok and Nanking.]

Dutch Mail Planes.

Batavia, Sept. 25. The first of the four Dutch mail planes has arrived.—*Reuter.*

parties cared to do it between themselves that was another matter.

Mr. D'Almada said that it had been done before.

Mr. Hodgson said it was only done if the parties both agreed. The plaintiff wanted the case decided on its merits. Mr. Hodgson added "It is a little touch to strengthen your case. I know all about it."

When asked whether he would be prepared to go through that Chinese ceremony the plaintiff replied that he did not think it was necessary.

Accordingly the point was dropped.

The defendant told the court that he was a foreman assistant to his father, who was a building contractor. He had known the plaintiff for only two months. On August 18, they met on the ferry. After a conversation they went to Shum Chun on the 1.15 train and returned by the Canton express. He had \$20 with him and they went to a fan tan shop. They each contributed \$10, making a joint account of \$20, but they lost that money after a few hands.

The plaintiff said, continued the defendant, that whatever they played they shared. After losing money the plaintiff went away and returned after some time with the news that they had each lost \$100. As the defendant had only \$5 he gave an I.O.U. to the plaintiff for \$95 in the train on the way back. The plaintiff had never lent him money on previous occasions and his story was untrue.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

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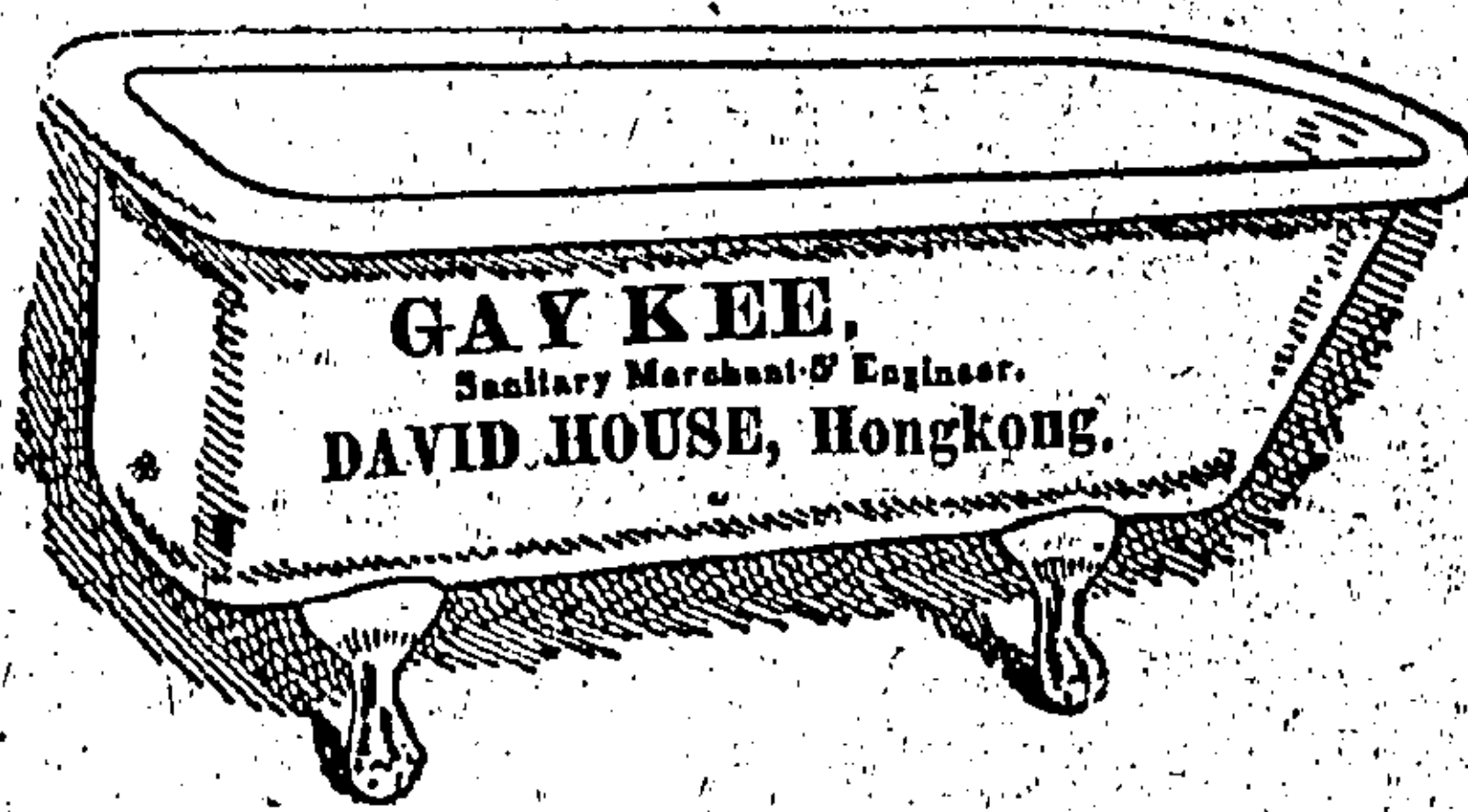
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CHARACTERS

PHILO VANCE
JOHN F. X. MARKHAM, District Attorney of New York County
MARGARET ODELL (THE "CANARY")
CHARLES CLEAVER, a man-about-town
KENNETH SPOTSWOOD, a manufacturer
LOUIS MANNIX, an importer
DR. AMBROISE LINDQUIST, a fashionable neurologist
TONY SKEEL, a professional burglar
WILLIAM ELMER JESSUP, telephone operator
HARRY SPIVELY, telephone operator

THE STORY THUS FAR

Skeel's finger prints were found in the apartment of the strange Margaret Odell, but Vance believes Skeel had been hiding in a closet while the murderer did his work. The thing that baffles the police is the door to the alley. It was bolted on the inside, seemingly precluding the exit or entrance of anyone through it. Mannix, Dr. Lindquist and Cleaver all lie about their whereabouts the night of the murder. Spotswood, who had called on the girl, had rushed to her door at sound of a scream, but had been reassured through the door that nothing was wrong. Later Skeel is found strangled, after promising to reveal the murderer after it is over. Cleaver wins an unusually large stake from Vance, beating four kings with a straight flush.

CHAPTER XLVII

About half an hour later Vance again took out his handkerchief and passed it across his forehead. As before, I noted that it was Allen's deal, and also that the hand was a jack-pot which had been twice sweetened. Allen paused to take a drink of his high-ball and to light his cigar. Then, after Vance had cut the cards, he dealt them.

Cleaver, Markham and Spotswood passed, and again Vance opened for the full amount of the pot. No one stayed except Spotswood; and this time it was a struggle solely between him and Vance.

Spotswood asked for one card; and Vance stood pat. Then there followed a moment of almost breathless silence. The atmosphere seemed to me to be electrically charged, and I think the others sensed it too, for they were watching the play with a curiously strained, intentness. Vance and Spotswood, however, appeared frozen in attitudes of superlative calm. I watched them closely, but neither revealed the slightest indication of any emotion.

It was Vance's first bet. Without speaking he moved a stack of yellow chips to the centre of the table—it was by far the largest wager that had been made during the game. But immediately Spotswood measured another stack alongside of it. Then he coolly and deftly counted the remainder of his chips, and pushed them all forward with the palm of his hand, saying quietly:

"The limit."

Vance shrugged almost imperceptibly.

"The pot, sir, is yours," he smiled pleasantly at Spotswood, and put down his hand face up, to establish his openers. He had held four aces!

"Gad! That's poker!" exclaimed Allen, chuckling.

"Poker?" echoed Markham. "To lay down four aces with all that money at stake?"

Cleaver also granted his astonishment, and Mannix pursed his lips disgustedly.

"I don't mean any offence, y' understand, Mr. Vance," he said. "But looking at that play from a strictly business standpoint, I'd say you quit too soon."

Spotswood glanced up.

"You gentlemen wrong Mr. Vance," he said. "He played his hand perfectly. His withdrawal, even with four aces, was scientifically correct."

"Sure it was," agreed Allen. "Oh, boy! What a battle that was!"

Spotswood nodded and, turning to Vance, said:

"Since the exact situation is never likely to occur again, the least I can do, by way of showing my appreciation of your remarkable perception, is to gratify your curiosity—I held nothing."

Spotswood put down his hand and extended his fingers gracefully toward the upturned cards. There were revealed a five, six, seven and eight of clubs, and a knave of hearts.

"I can't say that I follow your reasoning, Mr. Spotswood," Markham confessed. "Mr. Vance had you beaten—and he quit."

"Consider the situation," Spotswood replied, in a suave, even voice. "I most certainly would have opened so rich a pot, had I been able to, after Mr. Cleaver and you had passed. But since I never-theless stayed after Mr. Vance had opened for so large an amount, it goes without saying that I must have had either a four-straight, a four-flush, or a four-straight-flush. I believe I may state, without immodesty that I am too good a player to have stayed otherwise."

"And I assure you, Markham," interrupted Vance, "that Mr. Spotswood is too good a player to have stayed unless he had actually had a four-straight flush. That is the only hand he would have been justified in backing at the betting odds of two to one."

"You see, I had opened for the amount in the pot, and Mr. Spotswood had to put up half the amount of the money on the table in order to stay—making it a two-to-one bet. Now, these odds are not high, and any non-opening hand smaller than a four-straight-flush would not have warranted the risk."

"As it was, he had, with a one-card draw, two chances in forty-seven of making a straight-flush, nine chances in forty-seven of making a flush, and eight chances in forty-seven of making a straight; so that had nineteen chances in forty-seven—or more than one chance in three—of strengthening his hand into either a straight-flush, a flush, or a straight."

"Exactly," assented Spotswood. "However, after I had drawn my one card, the only possible question in Mr. Vance's mind was whether or not I had made my straight-flush."

"If I had not made it—or had merely drawn a straight or a flush—Mr. Vance figured, and figured rightly, that I would not have seen his large bet and also have raised it the limit. To have done so, in those circumstances, would have been irrational poker. Not one player in a thousand would have taken such a risk on a mere bluff."

"Therefore, had Mr. Vance not laid down his four aces when I raised him, he would have been foolhardy in the extreme. It was turned out, of course, that I was actually bluffing; but that does not alter the fact that the correct and logical thing was for Mr. Vance to quit."

"Quite true," Vance agreed. "As Mr. Spotswood says, not one player in a thousand would have wagered the limit without having filled his straight-flush, knowing I had a pat hand. Indeed, one might almost say that Mr. Spotswood, by doing so, has added another decimal point to the psychological subtleties of the game; for, as you see, he analyzed my reasoning, and carried his own reasoning a step further."

Spotswood acknowledged the compliment with a slight bow; and Cleaver reached for the cards and began to shuffle them. But the tension had been broken, and the game was not resumed.

Something, however, seemed to have gone wrong with Vance. For a long while he sat frowning at his cigarette and sipping his high-ball in troubled abstraction. At last he rose and walked to the mantel, where he stood studying a Cezanne water colour he had given Markham years before. His action was a typical indication of his inner puzzlement.

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Mr. Wallrock has agreed with Sir Edward Lutens, who is holding an architectural brief on behalf of the duke, that the whole street will be of an approved uniform design, with columns right through and beautifully planned buildings.

It is his intention to make the new Park-lane not only the best, but the most beautiful shopping centre in the world.

Presently, when there came a lull in the conversation, he turned sharply and looked at Mannix.

"I say, Mr. Mannix,"—he spoke with only casual curiosity—"how does it happen you've never acquired a taste for poker? All good business men are gamblers at heart."

"Sure they are," Mannix replied, with pensive deliberation. "But poker, now, isn't my idea of gambling—positively not. It's got too much science. And it ain't quick enough for me. It hasn't got the kick in it, if you know what I mean. Roulette's my speed. When I was in Monte Carlo last summer I dropped more money in ten minutes than you gentlemen lost here this whole evening. But I got action for my money."

"I take it, then, you don't care for cards at all?"

"Not to play games with," Mannix had become expansive. "I don't mind betting money on the draw of a card, for instance. But no two out of three, y' understand. I want my pleasures to come rapid." And he snapped his thick fingers several times in quick succession to demonstrate the rapidity with which he desired to have his pleasures come.

Vance sauntered to the table and carefully picked up a deck of cards.

"What do you say to cutting once for a thousand dollars?"

Mannix rose instantly.

"You're on!"

Vance handed the cards over, and Mannix shuffled them. Then he put them down and cut. He turned up a ten. Vance cut, and showed a king.

"A thousand I owe you," said Mannix, with no more concern than if it had been ten cents.

Vance waited without speaking, and Mannix eyed him, craftily.

"I'll cut with you again—two thousand this time. Yes?"

Vance raised his eyebrows. "Double?" By all means. He shuffled the cards, and cut a seven.

Mannix's hand swooped down and turned a five.

"Well, that's three thousand I owe you," he said. His little eyes had now narrowed into slits, and he held his chair clamped tightly between his teeth.

"Like to double it again—oh, what?" Vance asked. "Four thousand this time?"

Markham looked at Vance in amazement, and over Allen's face there came an expression of almost ludicrous consternation. Every one present, I believe, was astonished at the offer, for obviously Vance knew that he was giving Mannix tremendous odds by permitting successive doubling.

In the end, he was sure to lose. I believe Markham would have protested if at that moment Mannix had not snatched the cards from the table and begun to shuffle them.

"Four thousand it is!" he announced, putting down the deck and cutting. He turned up the queen of diamonds. "You can't beat that lady—positively not!" He was suddenly jovial.

"I fancy you're right," murmured Vance; and he cut a trey.

"Want some more?" asked Mannix, with good-natured aggressiveness.

"That's enough," Vance seemed bored. "Far too excitin'. I haven't your rugged constitution, don't y' know."

RELIGIOUS ISSUE IN CAMPAIGN.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE'S OUTSPOKEN PLEA.

THE U.S. PRESIDENCY.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 20. Declaring that he did not want Catholics to vote for him on religious grounds and also that any one who voted against him because of his religion was not a good citizen, Governor Alfred Smith, the Democratic presidential nominee, today condemned his political enemies for using his Catholicism as a weapon against his candidacy. He directed his attack against the Republican party and against the Ku Klux Klan.

"There is abundant reason to believe," he declared, "that the Republican high councils have countenanced a large part of this form of campaign, if they have not actually promoted it."

He particularly criticized the action of Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general, who recently addressed a gathering of Ohio Methodist ministers. Mrs. Willebrandt is one of the leaders of the women Republicans.

He declared that Mrs. Willebrandt and the Republican party are "dishonest" in using such methods.

Governor Smith referred specifically to the Ku Klux Klan, terming its members persons who "have the effrontery to refer to themselves as 100 per cent. Americans." He said of the Klan that it "breathes into the hearts and souls of its members a hatred of millions of fellow countrymen because of religious belief."

The governor deplored the injection of the religious issue and the "whispering methods" of the campaign. Defending his New York record, he appealed to the voters to make their choice solely upon the ground of what best promotes the interest and welfare of the Republic.

SMALL HOSPITALITY TO VISITORS.

BRITISH NAVAL ROADS RECEPTION IN U.S.

Washington, Sept. 4. There is indignation in naval and Government circles over the small sum devoted to the official reception of the officers and crew of the cruiser Australia on their visit to Washington.

Congress appropriated \$150 for this purpose, but \$140 will have to be used to pay the transportation of the ship's complement from Annapolis to Washington, the Potomac being too shallow to admit of the cruiser coming up river. So \$10 is left to give the officers and men a good time.

The Washington Post says: "Naval officers stationed in Washington recoiled with a certain bitterness the magnificent welcome accorded the American Fleet by the Commonwealth of Australia in 1925."

"American officers who made the cruise to Australia remember how the leading clubs were thrown open to the visitors, who were allowed to pay for nothing, and how at dances the prettiest and nicest girls were their partners. They are making up the deficiency themselves."

HOW MURDER SCENE WAS BROADCASTED.

AUDIENCE LISTENS IN TO DESCRIPTION.

New York, Sept. 3. A vivid description of a murder being committed startled an immense audience listening-in to a wireless broadcast yesterday afternoon.

Over a radius of hundreds of miles they were enjoying a piano solo played at Dallas, Texas, when the announcer at the broadcasting station heard what he thought was the bursting of a motor-car tyre.

He looked idly from the window. The music stopped abruptly, and the announcer was heard describing what was happening in the street beneath.

Down the street Oville Matthews, the head of a local bank was staggering, clutching at his side. Pursuing him relentlessly as the crowd scattered in all directions for safety, was a man who fired bullet after bullet until the bank official dropped.

Attracted by the shots, the police dashed up and arrested the assailant after a fierce struggle.

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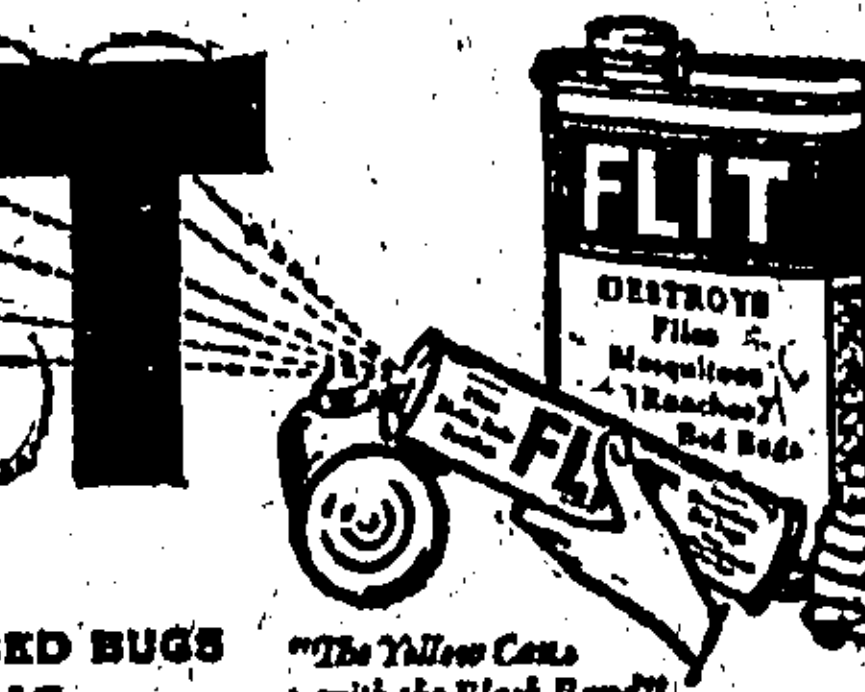
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In the central cemetery of each group is an open space for the memorial to the missing and for re-burial of bodies found by the plough. Even now from 30 to 50 are found every week.

Two great memorials to the missing are nearing completion—La Ferte sous Juarro, and the Merchant Navy Memorial on Tower Hill. La Ferte should be ready for unveiling by the end of October. The Tower Hill memorial will not be ready till some weeks later.

Vaulted Corridor. Between 11,000 and 12,000 officers and men of the Mercantile Marine, who died as the result of enemy action, and who have no known graves, are to be commemorated on Tower Hill. The design by Sir Edwin Lutyens is a great vaulted corridor, in whose three bays the names of the 11,000 are being inscribed.

Great interest will be felt in the fine memorial under construction in the Faubourg d'Amiens, which is to be the special memorial to the missing members of the Royal Air Force in France.

The reduction of the construction staff is proceeding steadily; it was down last year by 30 per cent.

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EXTRADITION CASE.

PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT.

Extradition proceedings against Tsang Yu, who is wanted by the Canton authorities on a charge of kidnapping, were continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney General, prosecuted and Mr. F. H. Loseby, of Messrs. Russ & Co., represented the fugitive.

Jurisdiction Point.

On the point of jurisdiction, raised by the defence, one of the principal witnesses for the Crown was recalled in the afternoon.

This witness in reply to the Court, stated as his honest belief that the village of Mui Yuen Yauk was in the Nam Hoi district, that the Nam Hoi district was in China.

Mr. Loseby was asked if he would like to cross-examine the witness on this evidence.

Mr. Loseby smilingly declined, stating as his belief that the statute covered up all the flaws in the witness's evidence, and that there was nothing left for him to cross-examine.

Presumption of Guilt.

Mr. Lindsell found that the evidence for the Crown was such as to raise not only a clear prima facie case on the charge, but also sufficient to raise a strong presumption of the fugitive's guilt. The alibi which the accused attempted to put forward was convincing up to a point; then, of course, the last witness was called and the whole fabric collapsed.

Mr. Loseby said that what his Worship found as a fact was not binding on any other Court to which the case might be taken on a writ of *habeas corpus*. According to the Treaty the man could only be tried in Canton. Mr. Loseby asked if the facts found by his Worship did constitute a common law crime of kidnapping.

His Worship replied that he found that the victim was taken from the village named, to some other part of the country which was unknown, by force, and that, in his opinion, that constituted a common-law crime of kidnapping.

Mr. Loseby: He took the nine schoolboys?

His Worship: That he was one of the men who took the nine away on July 17, 1927.

The fugitive was then formally committed to gaol to await an order from His Excellency the Governor for his extradition to Canton. The usual stay of execution for a period of 15 days will be allowed, during which the fugitive can appeal if he wishes to the Supreme Court on writ of *habeas corpus*.

MAKING NEW ROAD.

SOLDIERS TO BE USED FOR RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

Shanghai, Sept. 25. Seven hundred soldiers will be employed to rebuild the road from Wenchiaoping (just beyond Yangtszepoo) to the Woosung ports. The work will be started immediately. The survey has been completed from Nanking.—*Reuter*.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF FOUNDER OF WISEMAN'S CAFE.

News has been received in Hongkong of the death, occurring on August 17, of Herr Weismann of Baden Baden, following a motor car accident in which he received very serious injuries.

Herr Weismann was a household name in Hongkong many years ago. He came here first as a ship's baker, and on discovering that no foreign bakery existed here, left his ship on the return trip and started a bakery business. He commenced in a modest way in the neighbourhood of Bowrington Canal, but his business flourished and he opened up elsewhere. Recognising the need for more capital for further development, he turned the business into a Company, which was known as Weismann's. Later he severed his connection with it and returned home.

In 1914 the business became known as Wiseman's and then did a flourishing trade in a shop on the site of which the Exchange Building now stands. Later, the firm moved into St. George's Building and then Messrs. Lane, Crawford secured a controlling interest and when the Exchange Building was completed accommodation was secured there, where the restaurant and bakery business, always a high class concern, has been continued since.

The late Herr Weismann was 53 years of age at the time of his death and leaves a widow and eight children to mourn their loss. He was a familiar figure during his residence in Hongkong and his death will be regretted by many residents who remember him here. When he left the Colony, the late Herr Weismann was well provided for, but the war and its consequent effect upon the value of the mark left him a poor man. In Germany he secured agencies for various kinds of merchandise and was able to eke out a modest existence for his family.

Mr. J. Murphy.

The death has occurred of Mr. J. Murphy late of the s.s. Tuckwo who passed away suddenly a few minutes after the vessel arrived at Chinkiang last Thursday.

The late Mr. Murphy was a native of Ireland and was 70 years of age. He had been on the China Coast for many years and numbered the majority of the old China hands among his friends in all parts of China. He only recently joined the s.s. Tuckwo having been previously in the employ of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co.

Mr. Murphy took suddenly ill some little distance from Chinkiang and although a doctor was summoned to the vessel from H.M.S. Mantis he arrived too late.

Mr. J. C. P. d'Assumpcao.

The death has occurred suddenly at Shanghai of Mr. J. C. P. d'Assumpcao, one of the most popular members of the local Portuguese community and an old and respected member of Messrs. Dodwell and Co. The late Mr. d'Assumpcao was born in Macao in 1868 and went to Shanghai more than 40 years ago, since which time he has been in the service of the shipping department of Messrs. Dodwell's. Though not in good health recently, deceased was up and about as usual and was at

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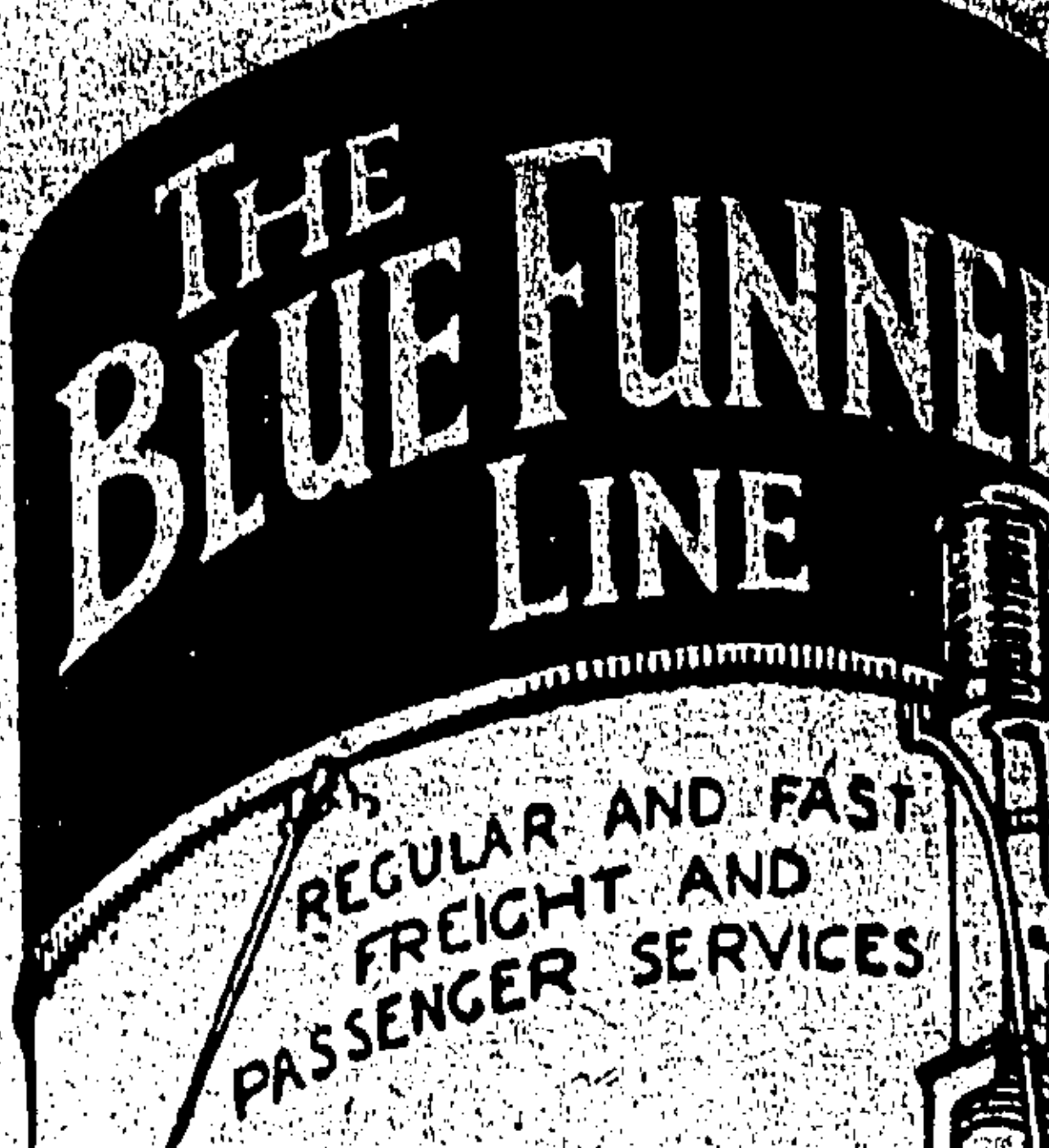
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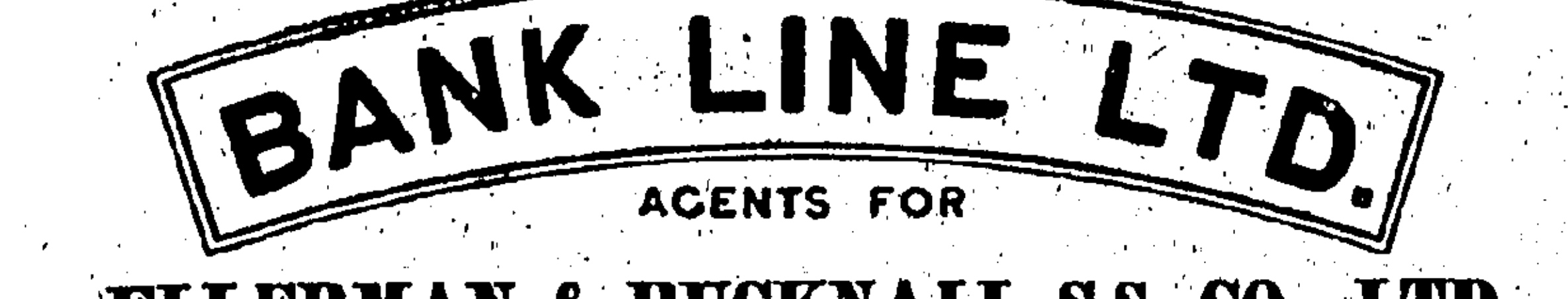
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CHINESE GIRL'S SUICIDE.

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The Coroner: Did she say why?—No, I asked her why she was going and she told me it was not my business. I asked her if her parents knew and she said they did.

"Two days later I telephoned Inspector Lamprill and he told me that she had come back to his house and had slept with the man, leaving behind an attaché case which belonged to me. I went over there the same night. I had a key which fitted the lock of the attaché case and I opened it. I found a sealed letter addressed to a man and it stated that if he (the man to whom it was addressed) wrote to a certain address in Canton he would find her there."

"The next I heard was that she had rented a cubicle in No. 23, Jordan Road. She obtained a bed in my name from a furniture dealer I knew. That's how I got to know about it. I didn't trouble any more about that, however. About the end of July the father came to my office to find me. He said that his daughter had attempted to commit suicide at Quarry Bay by drowning. I told the father then that I had finished with the girl long ago, but I advised him to send the girl to hospital. He told me he had no money so I made the agreement with him that if he took the girl to hospital, paid for the guarantee and informed me when the girl came out, I would pay for the expenses. She went to hospital that same day."

The Coroner: Did you see her at all?—No, I did not know when she came out.

Asked For Money.

"On July 24, I received a telephone message asking me to go to No. 17, Waterloo Road to meet the girl. I was told there was business of a serious nature. The same night at 8 p.m. I went to the house where I saw the girl. She asked me to give her several 'tens of dollars' and if I could not give her several 'tens of dollars' to give her back the jewellery."

The Coroner: What about this jewellery? Where did she get it? Did she have any?—When she came to me I bought her several articles of jewellery and told her that it was my jewellery and that any time she left me I would take it back.

"I asked her what she wanted the money for and she told me she was going very far away. I asked her where but she wouldn't tell me. She left the premises about 10 p.m. and about ten minutes after I left in company with Inspector Lamprill. She was sitting on the bottom of the stairs. I asked her why she did not go home but could not get a satisfactory answer."

The Coroner: Was she silent or crying?—No. She was not crying but was simply sulking.

"She then left us and instead of going in the direction of her home she went in the opposite direction along Waterloo Road. Inspector Lamprill and myself followed her and found her sitting on the grass. We lifted her and put her in a ricksha. I told her to think about that matter and come and meet me on July 26. She then said she would go home if I saw her on the 26th. That's the last I saw of her."

"Ah Fuk"

The Coroner: On the 26th you were in the office I suppose?—I was engaged on duty.

Did you ring up No. 17, Waterloo Road?—Yes.
And sent what message?—About the time I promised to meet her I told her I could not get over as I was on duty and would see her about Saturday or Sunday.

During your residence at Kennedy Town you used to go to the house every night?—Not every night. Frequently.
You said that she told you she was in a certain condition. Did you say if this became known to the Government you would lose your position?—No.

The girl's mother on being asked if she had any questions to ask witness rose and addressing Sergeant Hayward said, "Ah Fuk, I have never mentioned any \$20. I never asked you to give me \$20 every month. I said that when I am in difficulties and my husband is dead you will have to look after me and you will also see that my young son gets a job, but I never asked you to give me \$20."

The Coroner: Did she make any requests like that?

Witness: The night that the girl committed suicide she made extraordinary demands. She wanted money for a coffin, a pension and I don't know what else.

The Coroner: This was at the time of the marriage thought?

Witness: No, your Worship. I agreed to keep the girl not the family.

Marriage Arranged.

The Mother: There was no question of keeping my daughter at all. It was arranged that the whole thing was to be a marriage and you promised to carry out the marriage ceremony this Christmas, and that an advertisement was to be put in the papers, both English and Chinese.

The Coroner: You mean to say it was advertised?

The Mother: It was not actually advertised in the papers.

The Coroner (to witness): This marriage was to take place this coming Christmas?

Witness:—No, Your Worship. This woman (the mother) is a Roman Catholic and she knows that when a European marries there is only one marriage and that in Church.

The Mother (to witness): You told me that you had just been promoted to Inspector and that you had not been in the Force five years yet. You said that next year, that is this year, will be five years and then you will advertise in the papers and carry out the usual marriage ceremony?

Witness denied ever making such a statement.

The Mother: You also told me that if the Government gets to hear you were married before these five years the Government would send you back to England and that you would lose your job?

The Coroner: Did you make that statement?

Witness: No.

"Isn't It Disgraceful."

The Mother: I am a Roman Catholic. Isn't it disgraceful for me to have my daughter to be kept by you as a kept woman?

The Coroner: That's what I have been thinking all along.

Witness: I think she was glad to get rid of the girl.

The mother asked witness why he had not arrested her daughter and the Chinese and was told that they had not committed any offence according to the Law.

Witness denied that she smacked the girl or that he had sent her to Canton. It was not on his instructions that the furniture was sold. Witness said that he had

actually caught the Chinese coming out of the girl's room.
The Mother: I put it to you that you have got another girl and have been living with her at Happy Valley and that you wanted to send my daughter away and get rid of her?

This was denied by witness.
The Mother: Can you explain why she committed suicide?

Witness: I think I can throw some light on this, from talks I have had with the girl. I should think that it was because the mother was demanding money from her, from the time she came to live with me.

The mother accused the witness of murdering her daughter, remarking that he had enticed her to go to No. 17, Waterloo Road, the subsequent events leading her to take her life.

The Coroner warned the mother about bringing such accusations against the witness.

The Mother: I want my daughter from you (witness).

The Coroner: I cannot say that he can do that.

Blackmail.

In reply to the Coroner witness said that since the girl's death witness understood that if he paid the mother \$300 the injury would never have been held. He had consulted his solicitors and had refused to pay the money although at one time he had suggested giving her \$200.

The mother replied that she had demanded the money for the funeral expenses and did not want it for herself.

Witness said that he did not know whether that was so or not. This concluded all the evidence.

In reply to the Coroner, Mr. Calthrop, who watched the inquiry on behalf of the Police, said that officers under five years service had to obtain the sanction of the Captain Superintendent of the Force before getting married. In cases of officers of over five years' service they had to inform the C. S. P. before contracting marriage.

No action had been taken against Sergeant Hayward beyond the fact that he had been transferred from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

The Coroner: On the evidence would you say he had committed any breach of the regulations?

Mr. Calthrop: Yes, I would on the whole.

Later Mr. Calthrop asked to amend that statement. He said that Sergeant Hayward would probably be put on the report for conduct leading or likely to lead to the detriment of the reputation of the Police Force.

The Coroner summed up at length reviewing the evidence and in conclusion informed the jury that their only verdict was one of suicide without of sound mind.

In returning a verdict accordingly the jury added the following two riders:

(a) The jury think it should be made clear to the Chinese, if possible, that marriage with Europeans, evoking British Law can only be according to that Law.

(b) We suggest that the identification form used at the mortuary should be in both English and Chinese instead of English only as is at present.

The Coroner thanked the jury for their careful attention during the inquiry and said that he would bring their services to the notice of the registrar. He agreed with their verdict.

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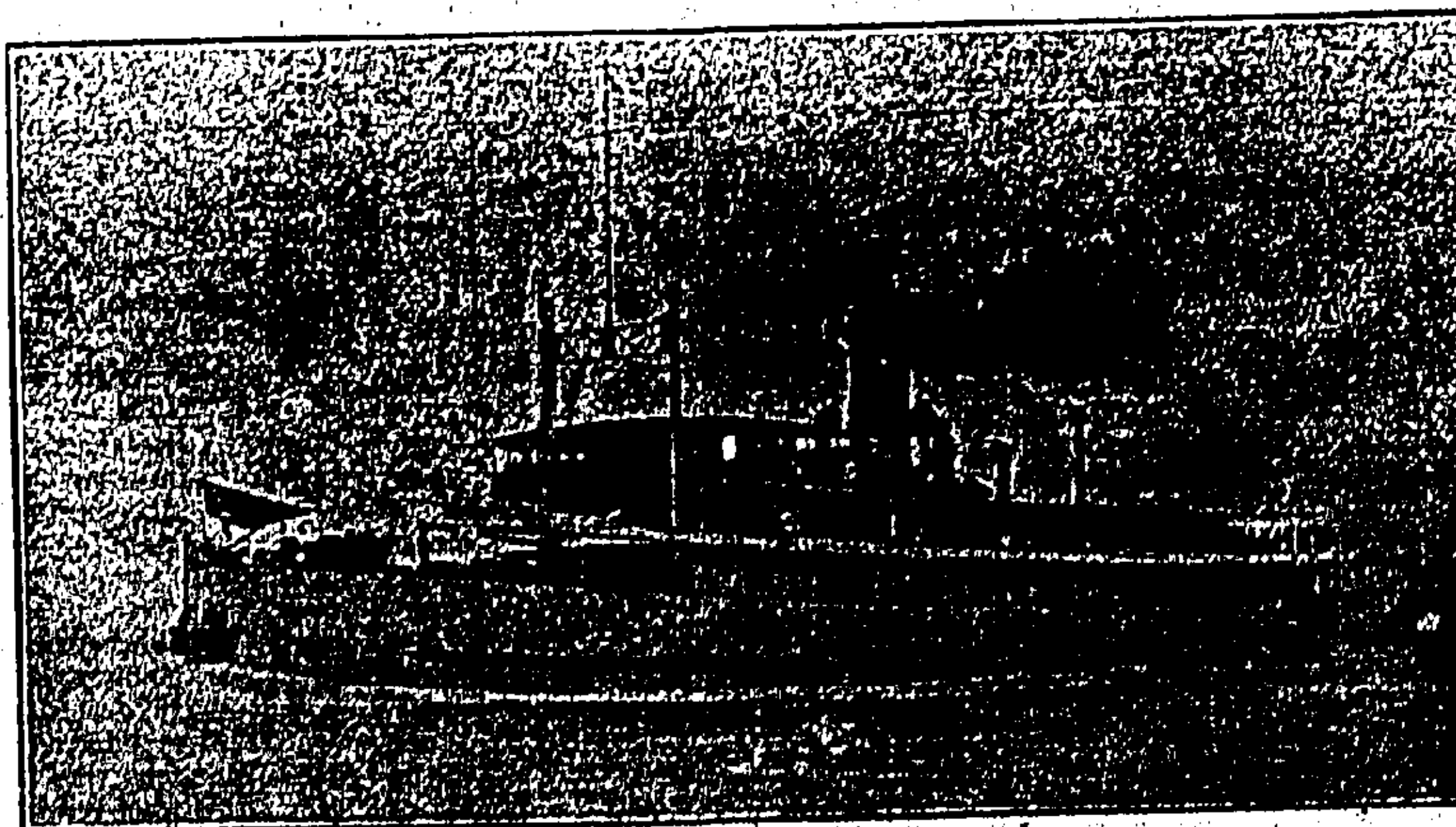
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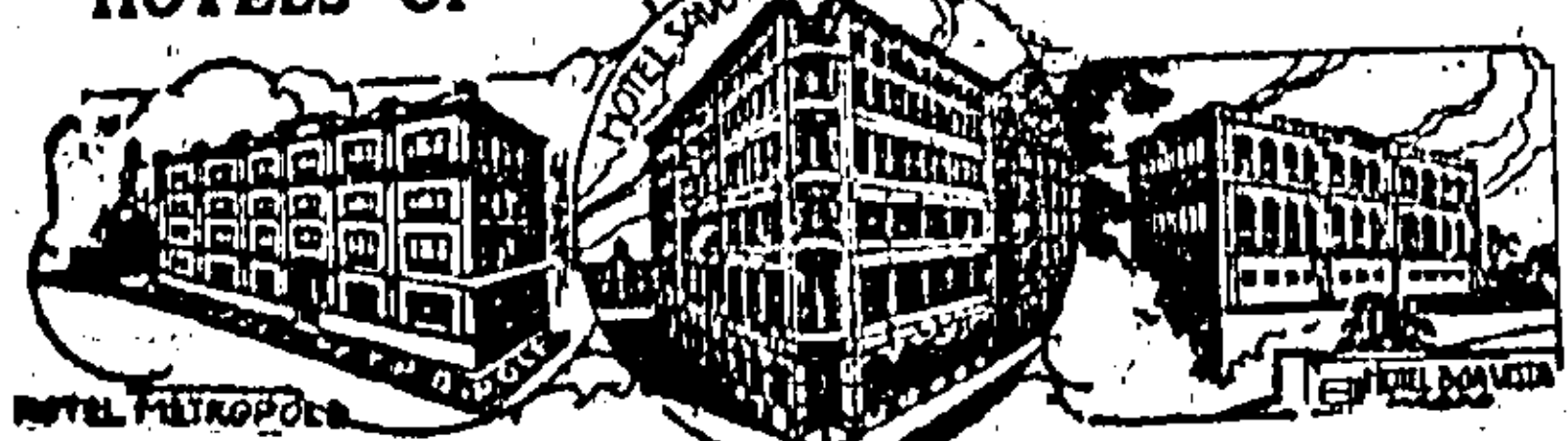
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NEW NATIONALIST COUNCILS.

MAY BE INAUGURATED ON
NATIONAL DAY.

MORE C.E.C. MEMBERS.

Shanghai, Sept. 25.
At the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Nationalist C.E.C. held yesterday, 11 new members were elected to the C.E.C. Mr. Koo Ying-fan, the former Canton Minister of Finance (who arrived in Hongkong yesterday morning from Europe) and General Wang Shao-hung, military director of Kwangsi, were amongst those elected.

The meeting did not discuss the draft scheme governing the powers and functions of the five Government Councils, of which copies are being sent to the various Commissions of the C.E.C. for consideration.

It was decided, however, to telegraph to all Kuomintang Commissioners remaining in Shanghai to proceed to Nanking to attend the meetings of the C.E.C. which are scheduled to sit during the next few days when the draft councils will be formally adopted.

It is reported that the Government has decided to inaugurate the five new Government Councils on October 10th, the Chinese National Day. Instructions have been sent from Nanking to all Provinces that the coming National Day should be fittingly observed.

However, much depends on the meeting of the C.E.C. on Thursday, when the appointments of the chiefs of the five Councils are due to be decided.

In spite of the continued desire of Tsai Yuan-pai to become Chief of the new Supervisory Council, it is reported that the Government is contemplating the appointment of Chang Ching-kiang to the post.

New Generals.

Shanghai, Sept. 25.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has appointed Generals Koo Chan and Pang Tsao-yu, leaders of the 16th and 17th Nationalist Divisions respectively. These two divisions are to be stationed in districts south of the Taingiao-Tsinanfu Railway.

Alliance to Nanking.

Shanghai, Sept. 25.
A large number of Northern military officers, formerly under General Chang Chung-chang, have arrived at Luanchow. They propose on their own initiative to join the Nationalist ranks.

Troops of the defeated Northern remnants arriving at Machang are over 20,000 in number. It is reported from Chinese sources that there are about 7,000 or 8,000 Northerners in the vicinity of Luanchow and Tongshan.

General Chang Hsueh-liang has telegraphed to General Pei Chung-hai arranging a meeting with him at Tongshan to consider the dispersal of the Northerners.

A Nanking telegram says that the Nationalist standard is to be seen flying in districts east of the Luanchow River, whilst all the Fengtien troops stationed there are wearing the Nationalist military badge.

Yen in Peking.

Shanghai, Sept. 25.
Marshal Yen Hsi-shan arrived in Peking early this morning, his intended arrival being unknown even to Government circles. Shortly after his arrival he had a brief conference with General Fang Chen-wu and a few of his chief subordinates.

SNEAK-THIEVES RAID STEAMERS.

SEVERAL CASES REPORTED RECENTLY.

Reports have been received from various river vessels, that whilst lying at their berths in Canton and also in Hongkong, the ships have been visited by sneak-thieves, who have in a number of cases made good their escape with money and jewellery to a considerable amount.

Whilst the s.s. Talsan was berthed at Canton, the second officer's cabin was rifled, the thief getting away with a wrist-watch, razor, fountain pen and other personal effects. The second officer of s.s. Lungshan was also victimised, losing both money and minor valuables.

Among other ships visited by thieves in Hongkong have been the s.s. Sanning and the s.s. San Nam Hol. In these cases money to a considerable amount was stolen from the clothing of the officers while they were asleep, the thieves being learned from the watchmen that the prowlers come on board on a business visit to one or other of the officers concerned and after carrying out their nefarious designs, calmly walk off.

MADRID DISASTER VICTIMS.

ENDLESS PROCESSION AT
STATE FUNERAL.

IMPRESSIVE SCENES.

Madrid, Sept. 25.
The whole city is in mourning for the hundreds who lost their lives in the terrible Noyedades Theatre disaster. All cinemas, theatres, and other places of public entertainment have closed, and in many cases, shop-keepers have followed this example.

Over 40,000 people knelt in the streets to-day to pay their respects at the funeral of the victims of the fire, whose bodies have been recovered. Firemen are still searching among the debris and up to the present a hundred and ten bodies have been recovered.

A representative of King Alfonso, the whole Cabinet, and the members of the Diplomatic Corps marched in an endless procession to the cemetery, where the victims were all interred at the public cost.

Several carriages loaded with wreaths formed part of the procession.—Reuter.

PLAGUE OUTBREAK IN MANCHURIA.

VIGOROUS MEASURES TAKEN
AT DAIREN.

WAR AGAINST RATS.

Mukden, Sept. 15.
The epidemic around Tungliao (Palintala), reported in a previous message, has recently been definitely identified as bubonic plague, which may easily turn into the pneumonic variety, a couple of cases of the latter having already been discovered by the Japanese medical experts despatched to the infected region. It is now learned that the first cases appeared between Tungliao and Niufangtzu early in August, but nothing became known of them until weeks afterwards. The total number of cases (whether all fatal is not known) is reported to exceed 100. One case having appeared east of the infected area, at Tallin, a station on the Chengchintung-Tungliao line, all sale of tickets on that line has now been stopped.

Medical Corps Organised.

As for the Supinkai-Taonan line a couple of suspicious cases have been discovered at Chinsan and Fongku, and the sale of tickets at those stations has been suspended. A Sino-Japanese medical corps has been organized for the isolation and treatment of all suspects. At a conference held at Changchun on the 12th, co-operation between the S.M.R. and the C.E.R. was decided upon. Both railways have instituted medical observation of passengers and have a special goods-car for isolation purposes attached to each train.

The Kuangtung authorities are already alive to the danger of the disease spreading to Dairen by some infected cargo, and a vigorous campaign against rats in the wharves has been ordered.

INSPECTOR AS GOOD SAMARITAN.

TO FIND JOB FOR YOUNG CULPRIT.

A 14-year-old Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with stealing a clock, hat and jacket from a house in Portland Street.

Defendant was arrested in Lal-chikok Road at 5.30 a.m. on Sunday with the stolen articles in his possession.

Inspector Hoare said it was not suggested that the defendant broke into the house to steal the articles. The same lad was taken to the Police Station previously for being found in the kitchen of a house in Shamshulpo. On account of the boy's age the complaint did not wish to prosecute. He was sent to the Boys' Club but in view of the circumstances under which he came into the hands of the Police was refused admittance.

Inspector Hoare volunteered to find work for defendant, who he said, was an orphan and who had intimated that if he had regular employment he would not steal.

His Worship ordered the lad to receive six strokes of the cane and afterwards to be sent to Inspector Hoare.

NEW POST OFFICE COIN ORDER.

ARTILLERY OFFICER FIRST TO
BE SUMMONED.

CAUTION SUFFICES.

The first case since the publication by the Post Office authorities of an announcement with reference to the sending of coins in letters, came before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when Capt. O. F. Browne, Royal Artillery, was summoned for attempting to send coins by post from Hongkong to Calcutta, on September 17th.

Capt. Browne said he had to admit the charge as he was responsible for everything that took place in his battery. He personally, was not aware that coins had been enclosed in the letter until he received the summons.

Continuing, defendant explained that he had occasion to send a small sum to Calcutta in settlement of a bill. He handed the money to his Pay-Sergeant for remission to India. He signed the covering letter but omitted to tell the sergeant to get a money order.

Mr. T. M. Perpetuo, Assistant Superintendent of Mails, who prosecuted, remarked that the sending of coins by post placed temptation before sorters and other employees of the Post Office. At the same time, said Mr. Perpetuo, the prosecution was not pressing the case in this instance.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Perpetuo said that there was no objection to paper money being sent by post, although it would be safer for the sender to purchase money orders.

Answering a further question Mr. Perpetuo said that this was the first case taken under the new Order although there was another pending in Hongkong.

His Worship said he thought a caution would meet the case, remarking that it was inadvisable from all points of view to send coins by post.

SURVEY OF CHINA COASTERS.

APPREHENSION FELT LOCALLY.

Some apprehension is being shown in shipping circles regarding the revision of survey regulations for coastal and river steamers, now that Board of Trade recognition of the Hongkong ocean-going certificate has been obtained. It is feared that the regulations may be too severe and drive shipping from the port.

The question of obtaining recognition had been under review for some years and the desirability of making the Hongkong ocean-going passenger certificate of equivalent value all over the world with passenger certificates issued in the United Kingdom is appreciated but it is being urged that local conditions demand special treatment.

It is hoped that as the result of representations modification of the local legislation will be resorted to, rather than adoption "holus bolus" of highly complicated Board of Trade instructions applicable to European conditions and stormy waters of the North Sea.

EX-MAYOR FINED.

SUNDAY DANCES AT A RICHMOND HOTEL.

Arthur Howitt, proprietor of the Castle Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, twice Mayor of Richmond, a member of the Surrey County Council and of the Richmond Town Council, was fined £10 and £10 costs at Richmond Police Court recently for allowing music and dancing on his licensed premises, the Castle Hotel, Richmond.

Mr. Frank Norman Emery, County Council Inspector, stated that he went to the Castle Hotel and obtained admission to the Keen Dancers' Club, held on the premises, on payment of 8s. 6d. He found about 60 people dancing and having tea.

Mr. Dudley Auckland, solicitor and clerk to the County Council, stated that Howitt told him that there were 1,000 members of the club. Although there was a committee, its members never met, and there were no rules. The secretary admitted new members to the club.

Sophia Stevens, of New End, Hampstead, a dance hostess, employed by Howitt, stated that any one could join the club, which held dances on Sunday evenings, on payment of 2s. 6d. entrance fee and 8s. 6d. for tea.

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